

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and individual growth in a safe and supportive environment.”

FERPA Notice for Virtual Education

As part of the implementation of the Lehigh Area School District’s continuity of education plan, we are committed to deliver instruction in an appropriate and reasonable manner for all LASD students. One of the methods of delivery for enrichment, remediation and instruction will be through video conferencing and other virtual/online platforms.

The Lehigh Area School District has made efforts and practices good faith methods to ensure that such delivery models and educational resources are confidential and limited to the assigned teacher and/or student groups. The delivery model or service may be provided in a group format and when this occurs, students will be able to see other students assigned to the class.

Lehigh Area School District is unable to control who else may be in the room in which a student is being instructed with this educational platform, including but not limited to other family members, who may observe the session. Therefore, the Lehigh Area School District expects that all families will review and implement the following guidelines and expectations to ensure the confidentiality rights of all students are protected during instructional methodologies which will include group communications, and/or video conferencing.

1. Lehigh Area School District, parent, or any other person within the home at the time the student is receiving services remotely shall not make or maintain recordings of the course content or classroom activity or other group communication that is conveyed via the virtual attendance services.
2. Parents/Guardians shall make every effort to ensure that no one other than the student scheduled to participate in a virtual attendance service can see or hear the virtual attendance service.
3. If parental or other third-party involvement in a virtual attendance service is necessary to enable a student to participate, the individual assisting the student shall not re-disclose any personally identifiable information about any student involved in the virtual attendance activity.
4. If the parent’s electronic equipment malfunctions in any way, the planned virtual attendance services will continue as scheduled.
5. The parties agree that this Agreement does not apply to the video- or audio-taping of any course material by teachers that have been or may be made available to students from time to time.
6. Teachers may post recorded videos of themselves teaching and any Zoom sessions as long as the recorded ZOOM lesson is available **only** to those students for whom the live instruction was intended. The recorded lesson should be accessible only to other students who were scheduled to receive the instruction, but was unable to “attend” that class in real time.

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