



Remote Learning Expectations and Requirements

Consistent with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidance and expectations, students will be required to participate in remote learning instruction until such time that the Governor's current COVID emergency order is lifted and we return to a traditional instructional model.

Whether enrolled in a hybrid cohort or in the Remote Learning Academy, this school year will be a challenge for families. With everyone working together in support of our students, we will be successful. Part of that work involves establishing expectations and "rules of the road" for remote learning. To that end, the following expectations will exist for all students and families for the upcoming year.

1. Consistent with state law, **attendance in each remote session/class is mandatory**. Student attendance will be taken multiple times a day.
2. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate school behavior in all virtual sessions at all times. **These sessions are an extension of the classroom and as such, all handbook and district policies apply**.
3. Parents and guardians are expected to ensure students have a dedicated space established, free from distractions to the maximum extent possible, in support of remote learning.
4. Students and family members **may not share the links/access to the remote sessions with others, or otherwise invite or allow others to participate in the remote services**.
5. Everyone in each household engaged in, or in the presence of a remote session will **respect student confidentiality at all times**. As such, whenever possible, **parents/guardians ensure that other than themselves/caregiver and the student, no other individual is present during live sessions**. This is in an effort to avoid any third parties from obtaining, even incidentally, any personally identifiable information about any other child.
6. **Please be aware that there is no expectation of privacy in a virtual classroom**. By supporting your child's participation in live, virtual sessions, you are acknowledging these privacy limitations. If you have concerns related to privacy, please contact your child's principal.
7. **Recording of any portion of any session by any party other than the educator running the session is not permitted. This includes posting excerpts on any form of social media**. If the teacher does record a live session, they will let the class know ahead of time.
8. Dracut Public Schools educators and administrators **reserve the right to end any student's participation in a live session if their presence, that of a parent/guardian, or any third party or activity, causes a disruption of the educational process during a remote session**.
9. Failure to adhere to the requirements and expectations listed above may result in a violation of one or more district policies and/or state and federal laws including:

- Dracut Public Schools Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- Dracut Public Schools Social Media and Internet Use Policy
- Dracut Public Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan Policy
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)- 20 U.S.C. §1232g
- Child Online Protection Act (COPA)- 47 U.S.C. § 231
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)- 15 U.S.C. §§6501–6506
- Interception of Wire and Oral Communications (Massachusetts Wiretapping Law)- MGL Ch. 272, § 99