



Notice for Virtual Learning

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is committed to making a good faith effort to provide continuity of education, planned instruction, and appropriate and reasonable services for students. One method of doing so is providing instruction and related services, to the extent it is appropriate and reasonable, through virtual learning platforms.

Virtual learning platforms are used for live, real-time instruction delivered through a web-based application at a predetermined time. Examples of web-based platforms used to deliver virtual instruction include *Google Meet, Loom, Zoom, and MS Teams*. The AIU has made reasonable efforts to ensure that the virtual platforms utilized are confidential and that access is limited to only students in each learning session. A virtual session may be delivered one-to-one, student and staff member, while or may be provided in a group format.

When virtual instruction occurs in a group setting, students will be able to see other students in the group. Know that persons such as family members, individuals living with families, and others in the students' households may be in the same room where remote learners are located during a group session. Such people may be able to see and hear the session including the other students who are participating in the group.

Therefore, please review and implement the following guidelines and expectations to ensure the confidentiality rights of students are protected.

1. Neither the AIU, students, nor members present during the virtual session shall make or maintain recordings of the content, activities, or communications that are conveyed via the live services.
2. Parents/guardians shall make every effort to ensure that no one other than their student, who is scheduled to participate in virtual instruction, can see or hear the session(s).
3. If parents/guardians or other adult facilitators are necessary to enable student participation in virtual instruction, the individual(s) assisting the student(s) shall not disclose any personally identifiable information about the student(s) in the session(s).
4. Virtual group instruction will continue as scheduled even if technologies used by any student(s) malfunction.
5. There shall be no expectation of group, virtual learning experiences to be repeated for any student(s) who were either absent or could not fully participate at the time the instruction was delivered.
6. Remote learners may have their audio and video connections turned off by the classroom staff to protect the anonymity of any student or adult in situations that disrupt the learning environment.

Please notify your student's teacher, service provider and/or school principal if you are uncomfortable with any of the preceding and want opt your student out of virtual learning activities.

Also see AIU Board Policy:

[148](#): *Use of Livestream Video in Intermediate Unit Programs*

[815](#): *Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources*