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Notice for Virtual Learning

During this difficult time, 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 on a web-based application at a predetermined time. Examples of web-based platforms used to deliver virtual instruction include *Google Meet, Loom, and Zoom*. The AIU has made reasonable efforts to ensure that virtual learning platforms utilized are confidential and that access is limited to only students in the session(s). If the students can access to the necessary technology from a remote location, some virtual services can be delivered one-to-one while other services may be provided in a group format.

When group instruction occurs, students may be able to see other students in the group. The AIU is unable to control who may be in the room in which students are receiving these remote services. Such persons may include family members, individuals living with families, and others in the students' households. Such persons could observe the session(s) as well as other students who are participating in the group session.

Therefore, please review and implement the following guidelines and expectations to ensure the confidentiality rights of students are protected during virtual session(s).

1. Neither the AIU, students, nor members present during the virtual session(s) 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) malfunctions.
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.

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

Also see AIU Board Policy:

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

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

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