

AUGUSTA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

STUDENT/PARENT EXPECTATIONS FOR VIRTUAL/REMOTE MEETINGS/CLASSES

- Students are expected to follow scheduled times and stay logged into classes until the session is done and/or the teacher gives permission for the students to leave the session.
- Attendance will be taken at each virtual session. Attendance is mandatory for all virtual/remote classes.
- Students are expected to have their camera on so that teachers can monitor class participation and understanding.
- Students will be engaged and ready to turn their audio on to participate in discussions or answer questions.
- To respect the privacy of other students in the class meetings, parents are encouraged to treat these sessions like a “normal” in-person class where they would not be present and to observe other boundaries of a regular instructional day/session. Serious privacy (confidentiality/FERPA) issues demand that parents/guardians contact building administration should they want to visit a classroom with advance notice.
- Recording of sessions is not allowed due to student privacy.
- The rules for the dress code are in effect for virtual/remote learning as they are for in-person learning.
- Students are encouraged to find a quiet, plain background to participate in online classes. Students may use appropriate backgrounds.
- Students should be on mute unless they are called on. This will help to eliminate background noise that could distract others.
- Students need to raise their hands and wait to be called upon. If a student wishes to speak, they should either physically raise their hand or use the “raise hand” function.
- The chat feature is a tool to make comments and ask questions without interrupting the speaker but be aware that your comments are public and are recorded in the minutes of the session. Students need to use the chat function appropriately.
- Be sure to stay engaged through the entire class. Students should not be eating, listening to music, watching tv, etc. The virtual/remote classes will follow the same expectations as an in-person class.
- To prevent classroom disruptions it is important to arrive at class sessions on time or even a few minutes early. Regular attendance is also important to ensure that remote students are taking full advantage of the support provided.
- Any disruptive behavior or disciplinary issues will be dealt with by the teacher and if the disruptive behavior continues, then the teacher will refer the student to the administration.

Consequences may be given for disruptive behavior. Please see the school's behavior rubric for more information.

RESOURCES

[Parent's Guide To Distance Learning](#)
[Parent's Guide to Google Classroom \(video\)](#)
[Parent's Guide to Google Classroom](#)
[Parent's Guide to Seesaw](#)

We are aware that all family and student circumstances may vary, especially during these unprecedented circumstances. Your student's team is available to ensure success during this time. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

Technology:

The Augusta Public School provides devices, networks, and internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The Board believes that the resources available through the internet are of significant value in the learning process and prepare students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient, and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school devices, networks, and the internet is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules. Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their device privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action (Ref: Policy IJNDB-R).

All Augusta School Department devices remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer and internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school devices. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. In general, this requires ethical, efficient, and legal utilization of the network resources for academic purposes only. As students and staff use this network, the user is ultimately responsible for his or her actions in accessing network services and for adhering to the district procedures and guidelines. If an Augusta School Department user violates these provisions, his or her account may be terminated and future access could be limited or denied.