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### **Responsible Distance Learning Practices and Behavior Expectations for Students**

As we continue on our journey in distance learning together, we want the experience for students and staff alike to be a positive one. A major component of a positive learning experience in distance learning is how students conduct themselves during their online class interactions. While it may feel different to students since they are not physically present in a classroom, classroom behavior expectations and school rules are still in effect during distance learning. As in a classroom setting, these expectations are in place to create a positive learning experience for all students in the classroom and to minimize distractions that may detract from the learning environment.

In turn, please take a moment to review with your student that while engaged in learning online, they should exhibit respectful and responsible behaviors throughout their classes. These include:

- Showing up to class on time and staying for the duration of the class
- Wearing school appropriate clothing in accordance with school dress code
- Refraining from inappropriate language said on microphone or typed into chat areas
- Not engaging in disruptive behaviors such as making distracting or rude gestures, talking over teachers on open microphones, or any other behavior that takes away from the learning process
- Avoiding the display of items that may be deemed offensive such as inappropriate pictures or objects

Furthermore, students should be reminded that engaging in activities that are not permissible at school or are illegal for use at school such as displaying/using alcohol, marijuana, vaping devices, or other substances during distance learning class time is not permitted and will result in disciplinary action and possible law enforcement referral.

Students who are disruptive to the learning environment may be class suspended (removed from the online lesson) by their teachers and/or referred to school site administration for additional consequences. Please refer to the District and school site student handbooks for more information on general school rules and behavior expectations.

We know that the journey into distance learning is a new and sometimes challenging process for

everyone. Thank you for being partners in this journey and helping to insure a responsible, positive, and appropriate learning environment for all.