Digital Distance Learning Expectations and Supports

For the purposes of digital distance learning events (i.e., individual or group meetings via Zoom, WebEx, etc.), parents should understand that the intent is to maximize the educational benefit of such opportunities. The following guidelines are suggested to parents who choose to have students accessing these optional digital distance learning (DDL) opportunities:

1. Parents are encouraged to provide a quiet area of the home (or other location where the digital distance learning will occur) where the student can listen and interact with the DDL without interruption or distraction.

2. Be mindful that pets and other small children in the house wandering in and out of the background can be a distraction to the other students/teacher on the viewing end of the DDL. Also please be mindful that this DDL is a visual medium, and as such, anything on the student’s screen will be seen by everyone else engaged in the learning event.

3. Students engaging in DDL should be dressed just as appropriately as any other school day. Also please be mindful of what is in the student’s background that will be visible on screen by all other viewers.

4. If at all possible, consider having the student wear a headphone/headset to allow the student to more concentrate and focus on the DDL. If the headset has a built-in microphone all the better, as this will also reduce the amount of background noise the other students and teacher would be subject to during the DDL.

5. If the student is working on the DDL in a room with a closed door, consider placing a note on the door indicating the classroom is in session so others will refrain from entering and possibly causing a distraction.

6. Students shall use District technology and the Internet in a safe, responsible, and appropriate manner.

7. Student use of instructional media must be in support of grade appropriate school instruction, and reflect the Three B’s of Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Students who fail to use these supplemental opportunities that are delivered in a digital distant learning environment may have their access and the District provided technology removed.

8. Consistent with Education Code section 51512, parents understand that the unauthorized use of listening or recording device in any classroom, which shall include online, digital distance learning classroom events, without the prior consent of the teacher and principal of the school is prohibited.
Lakeside School has created a parent loan process, as an option to parents who choose to access this optional supplemental learning opportunity for their students, but who do not have access to the necessary Internet accessible technology/device for their student(s) at home. Parents who are interested in this loan program, but who have not yet checked out their child’s device can still arrange to pick up such a device through Lakeside School by contacting the School’s administration at 408.354.2372, or sending an email request at ljsd@lakesidelosgatos.org.

For those members of the Lakeside School Community who do not have access to a reliable broadband Internet service, Lakeside JSD provides hotspot access to the Internet through a Lakeside Guest login outside the Community Center (e.g. parking lot) and at the picnic tables in the lunch area, while maintaining the required social distance. Lakeside School itself is closed during this Shelter in Place, and the schools’ restrooms will not be accessible to the public during this closure.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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