



April 1, 2020

REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES NOTIFICATION AND GUIDANCE

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

As you know, Blue Hills Regional Technical School District has presently closed its physical school buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this period of school closure, Blue Hills Regional Technical School District will be providing students with remote learning opportunities which may include telephone calls, video conferencing, pre-recorded lessons, online texts, editable documents and other online activities. Students are expected to participate in these services if possible, and will be provided with credit/no credit on a pass/fail basis. Please reach out to us as soon as possible if you anticipate or become aware of any issues with your child accessing the remote opportunities provided by Blue Hills Regional Technical School District.

In accordance with state and federal laws, including the Massachusetts Wiretapping Act and FERPA, parents and students must refrain from recording any and all remote lessons. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis due to special circumstances, and only with the consent of everyone involved in the lesson. In addition, while parents/guardians are permitted to observe online instruction in a non-disruptive manner, to the extent that remote learning opportunities provide access to confidential student information, all participants agree, by participating in this remote learning opportunity, to refrain from disseminating any confidential student information about other student participants with any and all third parties. By participating in the remote learning opportunities, consent to this request is hereby provided.

Similarly, we ask everyone in our school community to recognize that video conferences and other online services will be taking place in the homes of the educators and students who participate in the calls, and to be mindful of everyone's right to privacy. To that end, we remind our students to dress appropriately and choose an appropriate location in their home from which to participate in any and all remote learning opportunities, particularly those with a video component. Parents/guardians should take all precautions to safeguard personal or private information that they do not wish to be disclosed.

Students will be expected to behave in accordance with school rules of conduct while participating in remote instruction. Cyber-bullying, harassment, discrimination, and abuse of the remote learning process will not be tolerated and may result in suspension from remote learning, as well as additional consequences when school resumes. Blue Hills Regional

Technical School District also encourages its staff and students alike to limit disruptions to remote lessons to the extent feasible (while also recognizing that sometimes pets, small children, and technical difficulties cannot be prevented from disrupting a lesson that happens at home).

Special education teachers, EL teachers, and individual service providers will be in contact with parents/guardians of students with specialized learning needs regarding necessary modifications to the remote instruction opportunities offered to other members of an individual student's class, as well as to discuss direct and group support provision.

The following online services are available to all students as part of the District's remote learning opportunities:

[Actively Learn](#)

[Aspen X2](#)

[Code.org](#) – online website that supports student learning of computer science

<https://code.org/privacy>

[Discovery Education](#)

[EdPuzzle](#)

[Gmail](#)

[Google Classroom](#)

[Google Meet](#) – video communication tools

[Kahoot](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

[MathXL](#)

[Nearpod](#)

[Quizlet](#)

[Remind App](#)

[Zoom.Us](#)

[Other](#)

By accessing these services, the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District recognizes that you and your child consent to access online instruction and agree to fully comply with the requirements of this letter. Please refer to our Physical Distancing and Remote Learning Plan for additional information.

We appreciate your time and attention to this notice.

Sincerely,

Jill Rossetti
Superintendent-Director