



# MERION MERCY ACADEMY

## **Video Communication and Distance-Learning Policy**

Merion Mercy has established a Hybrid Learning Model to maximize safety for students and staff while supporting an experience that will engage students in deep learning throughout the week, both on and off campus. To provide connection, structure, and continuity, students will be participating in videoconferencing for periods of time during their asynchronous off-campus days and synchronous Friday whole-class meetings, daily announcements and prayer, and coaching team (ACT) check-ins. Additionally, some students (international students, students in quarantine, etc.) may have to attend on-campus sessions remotely as well. Below are some important reminders for parents regarding virtual sessions.

- Merion Mercy has made reasonable efforts to ensure that virtual instruction is confidential and access is limited via the MyMMA learning management system.
- Students participating in virtual instruction will be able to see other students in virtual instruction and may be able to see students attending in-person instruction.
- MMA is unable to control who else may be in the rooms in which your student and other students receive instruction remotely, including other family members or others who are living with the other students and who may observe the session and the students in the group. If that makes you uncomfortable, students are encouraged to set the video conference up so that only the student is visible, sitting in front of a wall.
- Students are encouraged to participate from a relatively private location in their home, free from distractions. Students should be

dressed appropriately. While we encourage having the camera on to support interaction, students may elect to have the camera off.

- Students and parents may not record or screenshot virtual sessions.
- If a student's equipment fails, the virtual session will continue.

Teachers will record sessions and make them available to students via MyMMA . Recorded sessions may be viewed by students but not shared outside MyMMA.

- Students are held to the same academic standards as in face-to-face instruction and subject to School policies on plagiarism and cheating, dishonesty, and all other conduct policies.
- Bullying, including cyberbullying, threats, and harassment during a session or outside of a session, is not appropriate. All students should always use respectful language and never use profanity or threatening, aggressive, or abusive language. No one should ever make sexual, racial, ethnic, or other inappropriate remarks or jokes.

**Personal Information:** Our program requires the use of several computer software applications and web-based/cloud-based education technology services not operated by the School, but rather by third parties. These applications include, but may not be limited to, Google Apps for Education, Microsoft, Blackbaud, Nearpod, Edpuzzle, and other similar educational programs. In order for students to use these programs and services, certain personal identifying information—generally the student's name and email address provided by the School—must be provided to the website operator. Please note that any personal information provided by the School is for educational purposes only and is used by the School solely to communicate with the service provider.