



NOTICE REGARDING REMOTE/VIRTUAL LEARNING

On March 16, 2020, New Jersey Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 104, requiring all schools, both public and private, to suspend “[i]n-person preschool programs, K-12 education to combat COVID-19 and reduce the rate of community spread.” As a result, Link Community Charter School (LCCS) is currently unable to deliver in-person educational programming. During this time of distance learning due to COVID-19, virtual instruction is permitted by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Although the LCCS may have utilized various forms of virtual learning in the past to support the curriculum, LCCS is now developing virtual learning groups and/or classroom opportunities as a primary learning platform, as a result of Executive Order 104.

The nature of group virtual learning means that your child’s name and live video could potentially be seen by anyone in the background of the other students who are participating, and that your child may see actions in the background of other students. While we work to safeguard such information, your child’s information, such as, but not limited to, classification status, accommodations, related services, academic levels and/or skills may also be inadvertently disclosed to others who are in the background as group sessions are conducted.

This notice is to remind you of the confidential nature of student records and information. We request that all parents / guardians be mindful that in order to maintain the confidentiality of each session, they should not be present during instructional virtual learning sessions, and that they will not make any attempt to listen in on sessions and / or record them. However, we cannot guarantee this will occur and that other parents / guardians will abide by our request.

Recording virtual lessons and instruction between the teacher / instructor and students is a violation of Link’s Board of Trustees’ policies and may be a violation of The New Jersey Wiretapping Law (N.J. Stat. §§ 2A:156A). Students are required to adhere and comply with all applicable Board policies governing the use of technology. We encourage you to review the policies and your notice of rights regarding student records which can be found on the LCCS website. Please review these documents and reach out to Ms. Hester, principal, if you have questions.

We take the confidentiality of your child’s educational information and personally identifiable information very seriously. As always, if you have questions regarding this or any other matter please reach out to Ms. Hester, our principal, at khester@linkschool.org.