

2020-21 Code of Conduct Addendum

The COVID-19 global pandemic has introduced a shift in how instruction is delivered and how students learn. Additionally, as a school community, there is a greater need than ever before to ensure the health and safety of every student and staff member. Therefore, it is essential that students, parents/guardians, staff members and visitors adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Irvington UFSD, which have been informed by recommendations from the New York State Education Department (NYSED), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The [Irvington UFSD Reopening Plan](#) outlines expectations for Distance Learning and Health and Safety Precautions that must be followed. All members of the school community must respect these requirements, as they will provide for the health and safety of school community members, protect the privacy of individuals and support the delivery of instruction. All students are required to observe the IUFSD Distance Learning Expectations and all health and safety protocols. The Irvington UFSD faculty and staff and students' parents/guardians share the responsibility of modeling proper conduct and supporting students to follow these necessary guidelines. Further, the Irvington UFSD will provide students with proper instruction and guidance as to how to meet these expectations. At the foundation of all school experiences is learning. Therefore, the IUFSD holds the responsibility to ensure that student learning is at the core of all efforts to improve students' actions and that restorative practices be implemented when practicable. However, failure to comply with guidelines may result in disciplinary action and removal from in-person or distance learning.

Health and Safety Requirements

To provide for the health and safety of all school community members, students shall comply with all requirements set forth in the Reopening Plan including, but not limited to, the following:

- Wearing a face mask at all times except during mask breaks and when eating lunch,
- Maintaining proper social distancing at all times,
- Demonstrating respect for the well-being of others by practicing healthy hygiene such as regular hand washing and properly blocking sneezes and coughs,
- Following all posted hallway and stairway traffic directions,
- Do not share food, beverages, instructional materials and supplies or personal items with others, and
- Always report when one is not feeling well to the school nurse.

Distance Learning Expectations

During distance and hybrid learning, students must adhere to the Board of Education approved Code of Conduct and acceptable use policies. The use of District-owned devices and school applications, such as Google applications, shall only be used for school-related communications. No personal socializing should occur using these resources.

The following guidelines are provided to help students and parents to make distance and hybrid learning a productive and enjoyable experience:

Distance Learning Guidelines for Students:

- Log into your Google meeting at the scheduled time.
- Remain in a Google meeting only if the teacher is present.
- Be sure you have all the supplies you need before logging in.
- Mute your microphone when not speaking.
- Cameras must be turned on during all class or group meetings.
- Be respectful to the teacher and the other students by staying fully engaged during the entire class.
- If appropriate, use the chat function to ask a question or provide a response to another person's question.
- The District's Code of Conduct will continue to be in full effect.
- Daily attendance, consistent completion of school work and participation in all class activities are required.

Distance Learning Guidelines for Parents/Guardians:

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible including logging in, participating in lessons and completing assigned work.
- Provide a quiet space, free from distractions for your child to meet with their class and when completing assignments.
- Allow the teachers to work with all students present. If your child needs support beyond what is offered in class, have them sign up for time during the teacher's scheduled extra help.
- Encourage your child to work through challenges and frustration. Remember that they do this on their own every day that school is in session!
- Respect the privacy of all students, including your child, and refrain from participating in the lesson or discussing anything you may overhear during a live class.

- If you need to speak with the teacher, reach out to them using email. Please be understanding if it takes some time for them to respond. They are all busy teaching and preparing distance learning lessons for the students.

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