



Colchester Public Schools

127 Norwich Avenue, Suite 202
Colchester, CT 06415

Charles E. Hewes, Ed.D
Director of Teaching and Learning

Phone (860) 537-7268
Fax (860) 537-1252

March 26, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the period of school closure, the Colchester Public Schools will occasionally be providing instruction through video conferencing using Google Meet or Zoom. On Monday, we will activate student Chromebook cameras so that during these meetings, student names and video images will be visible to the teacher and other participating students. Parents are encouraged to have their students participate via a location that is quiet and free of distractions, to the extent possible. Other individuals in the home are not permitted to participate in or be visible on the video conference, or otherwise observe the lesson, other than reasonable adult supervision of the student. Parents and students are prohibited from recording video conferencing sessions. All individuals shall comply with relevant Board of Education policies, including but not limited to those concerning the confidentiality of student records and acceptable use of district computer systems, which policies can be accessed on the District website. Student privacy and the confidentiality of student information is of utmost importance. Parents are reminded, however, that the District is not in direct control of individual homes or physical locations of participating students. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please email tdirector@colchesterct.org prior to Monday with a brief note to opt-out. Please note that instruction provided specifically through the use of video conferencing will not be delivered in any other manner during the period of school closure.

Charles E. Hewes, Ed.D.
Director of Teaching & Learning
Colchester Public Schools
(860) 937-7239

"We create innovative thinkers for a dynamic world."