

## Online Learning Expectations for Parents/Guardians and Students

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### Purpose of this Guideline

The Western Québec School Board is committed to safer schools and centres by fostering an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and encouragement between all who teach, work and learn in our schools and centres so that the development and contribution of every individual can be acknowledged, and all can work together to benefit personal growth and the common good.

In our current context, where students must take online learning lessons, we understand that the student should be the only person to have access to the lesson and that the student must behave in the same way as if they were physically present in the classroom. In addition, every school's code of conduct and school board rules and policies apply in the same way, and we understand that non-compliance may lead to appropriate sanctions. Therefore, for the duration of online learning lessons, we make the following commitments:

### Expectations of Students:

- a) Students will take reasonable steps to ensure that distance learning lessons are seen and heard only by me, for example, by using headphones if the room being used is not closed off or if not alone;
- b) Students will, unless specifically authorized by my teacher, not capture screenshots or sounds, nor record or broadcast lessons, whether sound or image, in any means whatsoever.

### Expectations of Parents:

- a) Parents will take reasonable steps so that their child can attend distance learning classes in an environment conducive to learning and ensure that lessons are the primary focus student only;
- b) Parents will not intervene during distance learning, just as if the student were physically in the classroom, which implies in particular:
  - i. parents will not to attend classes unless invited by the teacher to do so;
  - ii. parents will not to capture screenshots or sounds, nor record or broadcast lessons, whether sound or image, by any means whatsoever;
  - iii. parents will communicate with the teacher outside of class according to the procedures put in place by the teacher and/or by the school.
- c) Parents will notify the school administration in the event of a problem related to these commitments.

In keeping with our *Safe School and Prevention of Harassment* and *Promotion of a Healthy Work Environment* policies, we foster an atmosphere of respect, patience, understanding and encouragement. No rude, abusive or threatening behaviour towards students or staff will be tolerated, whether in person or online.

The Western Quebec School Board appreciates the challenging times we are facing. We will work together to give our students a great educational experience and safe working environment for students and staff.