



Franklin Township Public Schools

Use of Chromebook Camera

To FTPS Parents/Guardians:

Franklin Township Public Schools Remote Learning Plan for the 26-27 school year was recently approved by the NJ DOE. Should there be an occasion when remote learning is utilized by Franklin Township Public Schools in the 2026-2027 school year, this correspondence will serve as a reminder of several district policies regarding the Acceptable Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices as well as a reminder that during remote instruction video-conferencing technology will be utilized and that video access to your child on-screen from their home environment will occur, unless you request that your child's camera remain off.

While video-conferencing with a student's camera on can provide a more robust learning experience, the District understands that some parents may be uncomfortable with permitting video access to their child on-screen from the home environment. Therefore, we ask that you log on to the Genesis Parent Portal and choose Student Camera Off if you do not wish your child to be visible to his/her teacher and other students on the video conferencing/learning platform.

Students whose parents request that the camera remain off will still be able to access audio and video of the instructor on the same basis as all other students, but the instructor and other students will not have video access to that student as the camera feature of that student's laptop will remain inactive during the learning session. For those families who do consent, or who do not reply, please be reminded to set up laptops and tablets in such a manner and location such that students do not inadvertently allow visual or audio access to items or areas of the home that families may wish to keep private. All families are reminded to set up laptops and other remote technologies away from noise or distractions in the home environment to provide optimal conditions for distance learning.

Annually, parents and guardians are asked to acknowledge several Board of Education policies referenced in the Acceptable Use of Technology Form as well as acknowledge the [District Chromebook Handbook](#).

Parents and students are reminded that Board Policies No. [3324](#) and [4324](#) Right of Privacy prohibits any audio or video recording of a teaching staff member or student by any student; other school staff member; visitor; or any other person while a teaching staff member is performing their Board-assigned job responsibilities without the prior written approval of the teaching staff member's Principal or supervisor. At this time, staff members will not be audio or video recording students during the provision of remote instruction. Similarly, students and parents are not permitted to audio or video record sessions of instruction, or to make audio/video recordings of staff or other students. Teachers may however record themselves while teaching a lesson. Should the district permit teachers to record a lesson which includes class discussion, further parental consent will be sought. Unless parents are notified otherwise, District staff will access the remote audio and video conferencing features of District-owned technology in order to provide instruction to, or interact and communicate with students only on the days and times communicated to parents as being designated for such activities. In addition, all students are expected to adhere to the provisions of [Board Policy No. 7523](#) ("School District Provided Technology Devices to Students") and [Board Policy No. 2361](#) and [Regulation R2361](#) ("Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources") regarding their use of district technology. Copies of all three of the above policies are available online, via the District's website or via mail upon request.