



Dear Doherty Students and Families,

We're halfway through our first week of remote learning. I think we would all agree that we've learned a lot. We have had several issues around the appropriate use of technology and learning remotely. Students in 2020 are digital natives. At times, their technological aptitude is greater than adults. As with any young adult, sometimes decision-making can be questionable.

We have had isolated instances of behavior that could be considered criminal. It is not my intention to criminalize poor decision-making, but I must emphasize the importance of taking remote learning behavior seriously. All students and parents have signed our student electronic device agreement. It is a requirement that the agreement be adhered to without exception.

It is a violation of the user agreement and of school board policy JS-E-2 to hack into a remote meeting or class, to use inappropriate language or symbols, or to otherwise violate any school rule as outlined by our district's code of conduct.

Parents, I expect you to talk with your students about what is and is not appropriate use of district technology and what is and is not appropriate on a public education learning management system.

Let me be clear, we will use the technology tools available to identify students who are disrupting learning, harassing or intimidating students and staff, or otherwise behaving inappropriately. Students behaving inappropriately will be identified by their digital footprint and will face appropriate disciplinary action.

I cannot emphasize enough that we are learning as we go and in real time. If remote learning is to be successful at Doherty High School, we must work together to ensure appropriate behavior for all students, staff, and parents. Thank you in advance for taking this issue seriously.

Respectfully,

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