

## **NEC's EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR APPROPRIATE VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY USE**

NEC is dedicated to providing engaging and effective remote learning opportunities for our students. Prior to engaging in these virtual opportunities, we want to clarify expectations around appropriate use of virtual technologies for educational opportunities.

By participating in/ allowing your child to participate in online/remote learning or clinical activities you are agreeing to abide by these expectations. Furthermore, you are acknowledging that you understand that your child's image and voice may be transmitted over the internet into the homes of other students and staff, and that NEC cannot guarantee complete confidentiality of your child's voice or image while participating in online learning.

1. NEC strictly prohibits screenshots, pictures, audio/video recording and distribution of any virtual educational experience in order to protect student privacy, proactively prevent potential cyberbullying, prevent the distribution of copyrighted materials and comply with Massachusetts law. Please note that in Massachusetts, it is illegal to record another person through any medium without his or her knowledge.

2. Students, and where appropriate parents/guardians, agree to engage in virtual educational experiences in a quiet, private area to the extent practicable given the circumstances, in order to minimize background noise and distractions and to protect the integrity of student engagement as well as student confidentiality.

3. Parents/guardians and other household members who normally are not privy to day-to-day classroom and group service discussions agree to respect and keep confidential any personal or private information (e.g. disability status) inadvertently discovered about other students due to proximity of virtual education.

As a reminder, NEC's Acceptable Use Policy and rules regarding Bullying/Cyberbullying apply to virtual learning, including school issued devices and networks.

Also, if you are the parent or guardian of a teen or young adult student, please be aware that clinical staff may request additional information or an emergency contact number to better manage risk while using technology to support your children.