

On-line/Digital Platforms Expectations for Students

- PS 203, as part of the NYCDOE school system, believes in and implements support and regulations for the safe and responsible use of all online and digital technologies for teaching and learning. During this period of both in-person and remote teaching and learning, all students remain responsible for practicing positive digital citizenship by protecting and respecting their peers, their teachers and themselves. We all must understand, practice, and model positive and productive behaviors when we are online. A remote learning environment is still a classroom. Therefore, school behavior norms and rules are to be followed just as expected in the regular educational setting/classroom.

PS 203 ONLINE SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Parent Responsibilities

- Read and discuss the Citywide Behavioral Expectations guide with your child.
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/discipline-code-kindergarten-grade-5-english>
- Make sure your child acts responsibly.
 - This includes knowing and understanding the Citywide Behavioral Expectations guide, [Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy](#) (IAUSP), and [Social Media Guidelines for Students 12 and Younger or 13 and Older](#).
- Keep track of your child's online use outside of school hours—including mobile apps, online games, and other social media.
- Share responsible values with your children and talk with them about what is—and is not—acceptable online behavior.

Student Responsibilities

- Follow the rules.
- Stay Safe.
- Take care of your devices.
- Take care of each other.
- Reach out to a trusted adult if you see something inappropriate, threatening, or unkind.

School-wide Rules for Blended and Remote students: Always Be Respectful

- Choose a distraction-free workspace and be mindful about keeping distractions to a minimum, remembering that everyone can see you.
- Always sign in with a recognizable student account and name.
- Make respectful comments, showing respect for all cultures, opinions, and viewpoints.
- THINK before posting, always using appropriate language in all electronic communications, including, email, social media posts, audio recordings, and/or video conferencing.
- If you would like to speak or answer a question, use the on-line class participation features (e.g., Raise Hand feature in Zoom or Google Classroom), then un-mute yourself after you are called on by your teacher.
- Do NOT use the Chat area for sidebar conversations.
- Displaying or sharing material that is hate speech, sexually explicit, or violent will not be tolerated.
- Bullying in any form, including cyber bullying, will not be tolerated.
- Sending discriminatory or harassing digital communications will not be tolerated.

School-wide Rules for Blended and Remote Students: Always Be Responsible

- Attendance will be taken in each class and students who are not logged in will be marked absent. Attendance on blended remote and fully remote learning days is mandatory.
- Just as students are required to be on time and present at school, students are expected to be on time and virtually present via video and audio.
- Have materials ready.
- Use the chat feature to contribute and show engagement.
- Help others who might need assistance.
- Look into the camera and show SLANT (Sit up, Lean in, Ask questions, Nod, Track your teacher).
- Wear appropriate clothing while on video conferencing.

School-wide Rules for Blended and Remote Students: Always Be Safe

- Practicing cyber safety includes not making your profile public, not speaking to strangers, not sharing personal information, and not sharing your camera or photos.
- When you use a chat feature, remember that it is public, and a record of the chat can be saved.
- Audio or video-recording with any technology (i.e., cellphones, cameras, recorders and/or computer features) is prohibited unless there is prior approval from everyone involved as per Chancellor Regulations and school policy.
- PS203 committed to the maintenance of a safe and orderly learning environment. In order to ensure student success, the school recognizes that the same practices used in physical classrooms can be used to create safe, predictable, and positive online learning environments. Bullying, explicit or discriminatory (including hate and bias) language or actions will not be tolerated. Any student violating school-wide behavior expectations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the NYCDOE Discipline Code. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/discipline-code-kindergarten-grade-5-english>