

## **SMS STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR eLEARNING**

*As our school year progresses during these unprecedented times, we want to make sure that our learning environments both in school and at home are safe for everyone and conducive to learning. To that end, SMS has created this document to clearly communicate the expectations for students during eLearning. The basic tenet is that the eLearning environment is an extension of the classroom and school, so our Code of Conduct and Student Handbook applies whether a student is learning in school or at home. These guidelines are meant to prevent students from getting into difficult situations.*

### **FOLLOW YOUR REGULAR SCHEDULE**

You must attend virtually each class every day you are assigned to eLearning, just as you would if you were in school. Attendance is mandatory and will be taken each period. If there is a valid reason you cannot attend, your parent/guardian must notify the Attendance Office ([SMSattendance@somersschools.org](mailto:SMSattendance@somersschools.org)) to notify us of the reason.

### **BE PREPARED DAILY**

Make sure your device is fully charged and/or plugged in. Gather any materials that you need for class such as books, assignments, pen/pencil, and any other tools used in class. Log onto Schoology to review assignments for the day and locate the links to Zoom. Situate yourself at a desk or table in your house so that you can be best prepared to learn.

### **DRESS FOR SCHOOL**

Dress for eLearning just as you would in school and in accordance with our Student Handbook.

### **BE FOCUSED AND ENGAGED**

Set aside all other devices (cell phones, gaming systems, etc) that would distract you from learning. Always have the teacher presentation on your screen. **Video must be on upon entry for attendance purposes. Please keep your video on until the teacher directs you otherwise.** Make sure your learning space is quiet and free from distractions.

### **BE RESPECTFUL**

Students must be respectful of their learning environment just as they would if they were in school. Work in an appropriate location for learning such as at a desk or at the dining room table. Examples of inappropriate locations would include in your bed or in a loud room. Be sure to follow your standard classroom expectations such as raising hands and waiting to be called on for example. Disruption to the learning environment both virtual and in person will be subject to discipline based on our SMS Code of Conduct.

### **RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS**

Help us in creating a safe learning environment for all. The recording of the lesson or taking pictures of your teacher or classmates is strictly forbidden and is a direct violation of our Code of Conduct. **Zoom sessions are designed for student participation only.**