



# Liberty Union High School District

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Eric L. Volta, Superintendent

## Liberty Union High School District Notice Regarding Distance Learning and Compliance

Dear LUHSD Community,

We want to express our sincerest gratitude to our teachers, administrators, district employees, students, and families as we continue to embark with the implementation of our current distance-learning platform during the COVID pandemic. We look forward to the day when we are granted the opportunity to welcome back our students to receive in-person instruction and supports. Until the district is able to provide either a hybrid or full in-person instruction, the district's employees and other authorized representatives will continue to provide instruction and other related educational services via electronic means and virtual platforms including, but not limited to, Zoom, email, virtual classroom, office hours, videoconferencing, and/or prerecorded lessons.

The primary intent of this Notice is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, sensitive information. This notice is also intended as a reminder our devices and all means of providing virtual instruction and supports is solely intended for current students assigned to his/her respected class and/or educationally related services regardless of the physical location of the user. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA,) the recording of any of the district's instruction and/or other virtual related educational activity is strictly forbidden. The district will exhaust all efforts to implement available and appropriate measures to ensure its Distance Learning Platform and associated applications are secure against all potential cyber security threats. This may include blocking access to some or all associated applications.

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Use**

Unfortunately, the district has experienced instances in which individuals have "Zoom bombed" our classrooms and other school related activities. Some of our students and employees have observed abhorrent racist, misogynistic, sexually demeaning and other repellent behaviors. As a school district, we are extremely proud of the opportunity to educate students representing a diverse background and we assure you, a school site administrator has expeditiously investigated each incident. In the event we can substantiate the offender is a non-student, we may immediately refer the matter to law enforcement. If we are able confirm a current student is responsible, we will do everything to the extent of the law to hold each student accountable. We hope any individuals who have any information that may assist us in such investigations notify a school administrator. It is important to note that our Technology Department is currently updating our zoom licensing to prevent future events from occurring.

Misuse of the district's Distance Learning Platform and associated applications will result in restricted access. Failure to uphold the requirements and responsibilities listed above is misuse. Such misuse may also lead to legal action.

## Parent & Student Responsibility

By utilizing the District's Distance Learning programs, you acknowledge and understand the parameters of the [LUHSD Technology Acceptable Use Agreement For Students](#) signed by both a parent/guardian and student during the 2020-21 registration process and the LUHSD *Use of Technology* [Board Policy](#) and [Administrative Regulation](#) 6163.4.

## Disclaimer

The district makes no guarantees about the quality of the electronic platform services provided including, but not limited to, Zoom or any other cloud-based software that will be used, and is not liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of said platforms.

For more information, please contact your student's Assistant Principal, Principal or the following district administrators:

- Todd Airola, Director, Technology at 925-634-2166 x 2049, [airolat@luhsd.net](mailto:airolat@luhsd.net)
- Tony Shah, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative/Student Services, 925-634-6166 x 2028 [shaht@luhsd.net](mailto:shaht@luhsd.net)

Sincerely,



Tony Shah, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative/Student Services

## **Relevant Legal References:**

The United States Department of Education's [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) & [Virtual Learning During Covid-19](#), March 30, 2020, guidance.

The [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#), [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\)](#)

The [California Electronic Communications Privacy Act \(CalECPA\)](#).