



Camera Policy/Expectations

Cumberland Academy 6-12 is the virtual choice of Cumberland County Schools. Our students use Canvas as the learning platform and WebEx as the live conferencing tool. We strive to provide all students with a positive, safe, rigorous virtual learning environment.

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to interact with their teachers and classmates. Camera use is a required component of attending synchronous classes. The camera function during online learning facilitates learning and monitors student progress. The camera function is also required for attendance verification. Any student not visible on the camera will be removed from the class and counted absent. The student must be present at least 75% of the time to be counted present.

There may be times, when appropriate to the instructional activity, the teacher may inform the student that they may turn their camera off for a specific portion of the lesson. The expectation will be that the student will follow the teacher's camera usage instructions and then turn their camera back on when instructed to do so. If a student's camera is not working properly, they need to let the teacher know through the Chat function at the beginning of the lesson. The teacher can support the student and family with the procedure to get the Chromebook exchanged. Connectivity with our students is one of our main drivers of virtual instruction success. This policy allows our teachers to connect better and understand the needs of our students as well as ways to assist them.

Please note that we are aware of the very legitimate concerns for what can be potentially seen in the background while cameras are on and some students' hesitations about allowing others into their spaces. If this concerns you, position your student in the workspace where a wall is their background and speak with our Counselor for additional support. We ask that each student do their best to identify a place in the home free of background noise and any other potential distractors. Please contact the administration if you have any questions or concerns about this policy.

Your signature confirms that you have read this document.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____