Virtual Classroom FERPA Notice

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Parents and eligible students have a right to opt out of the inclusion of information about the student’s directory information, in this instance, photo/image/recording while engaged in student work via Zoom / Google Classroom.

Since the KIPP Philadelphia Public Charter Schools (“KIPP”) has closed in compliance with executive orders issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia to institute a public health-related closure, KIPP will be utilizing online educational services that will allow students (and their parents/guardians) to log in and access class instruction/materials from home. As part of the continuation of education, KIPP intends to use Zoom and/or Google Classroom in order to provide your child with additional learning opportunities while school is closed. Students will be expected to follow our student code of conduct that was expected in the school building or any student event. Additionally, students must be sure that that all images on a video chat are appropriate.

Any Zoom or Google Classroom activities that will be recorded by KIPP will not be released to the public or publicly posted. Such recordings will only be used for internal schools purposes only and accessible only by your child’s teachers, certain KIPP Administrators with a legitimate educational interest and other parents/guardians of students in your child’s grade.

If you wish to opt out, this means that you do not want your child’s participation in any Zoom / Google Classroom recording. If you opt out of such recording, we will contact you separately to discuss alternative arrangements for your student’s participation in distance learning.

Please indicate in an email to KPRO@kippphiladelphia.org whether you wish to opt-out. If we do not receive an indication that specifically states “I opt out of the recording or photograph of my child in the participation in the Zoom / Google Classroom,” then your child will be including in the recording of the Zoom / Google Classroom recording / photographs.