



# RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Pre-K to Grade 12 Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the year in a hybrid learning environment, our teachers will be using a variety of instructional tools that will enable real time virtual interactions and video web conferencing with their students. Recognizing the importance of establishing and maintaining connections between students and teachers, the integration of these tools has been integral to success in both the hybrid and the remote models of instruction. While most formats for the use of technology are covered in the Acceptable Use Policy, extensions of virtual environments to accommodate student learning are beneficial given the conditions of these new models of instruction.

Please understand that the use of these tools requires a teacher to interact with your child in your home. We are asking that you provide consent for these interactions by logging into Skyward and completing an online permission form for each of your children. For these interactions, we request that your child be situated in a place in the house that is conducive to educational purpose. For example, a quiet spot in the house that is free from distractions is most suitable for student engagement in this type of learning environment.

As the transition between in-person and remote learning environments may ebb and flow as the school year unfolds, our teachers will rely on an array of tools to meet students' needs. To facilitate the continuity of learning, we ask that you please complete the Skyward form for each of your children to ensure their participation in virtual classes and video web conferencing for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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