

April 2, 2020

**NOTICE REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN VIRTUAL
SMALL GROUP LESSONS/TELESERVICES/TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTION**

Dear Parent,

Your child may be participating in virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction as a part of Austin ISD's efforts to continue providing your child's learning opportunities during this time of national and state emergency, and the suspension of Austin ISD's normal school operations, all resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic. It may be necessary for your child to be visible on camera for virtual instruction, or to be heard during telephonic small group instruction, and your child may be seen and/or heard by others at the other virtual/teleservice/telephonic learning locations. Through your child's participation in these activities, you agree to the following:

- **I agree and consent to my child's participation in virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction**
- **I agree and consent to any inadvertent release of confidential information about my child that may occur as the result of virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction.**
- **I agree and consent to the audio or video recording of my child's image and/or voice by the school provider conducting the virtual/teleservice/telephonic session for educational purposes only.**
- **I understand that I have the right to refuse teleservices and may request other options for service delivery; however, I also understand that my requested service delivery option may not be available during the emergency period.**

Through your child's participation in these activities, you further acknowledge and agree to abide by the following standards and expectations:

- **You may observe your child and other students during small group virtual lessons.**
- **During the time that you observe a small group virtual lesson, you agree to not interrupt instruction by talking to the teacher or any other person in the virtual classroom or instructional space, and you agree to refrain from any activity that may disrupt the session. You further agree to discontinue any activity as determined and requested by the school provider.**
- **You agree to not audiotape, videotape, record, or photograph, in any manner, the virtual/teleservices/telephonic group lesson or any communications related to the set up or closing of the session by the school provider.**
- **You agree to respect every child's right to privacy and agree to not discuss your observations or any confidential information inadvertently obtained during the virtual group lesson.**

- **If you have concerns about your child or other students observed, you agree to discuss your concerns with your child’s teacher or therapist, case manager, and/or campus administrator.**

**CONSENT FOR VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP
LESSONS/TELESERVICES/TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTION**

In providing consent for my child’s participation in virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction, and consent for any inadvertent release of confidential information about my child that may occur as the result of virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction, I acknowledge the following as demonstrated by my initials before each line:

___ I have been fully informed in my native language or other mode of communication of all information relevant to my child’s participation in virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction.

___ I understand and agree to my child’s participation in virtual small group lessons/teleservices/telephonic instruction.

___ I understand that the granting of my consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time. If I revoke my consent, I understand that the revocation is not retroactive and does not negate an action that has occurred after my consent was given and before my consent was revoked.

Guardian Name/Signature

Date

Name/Signature of Translator, if applicable