

A Parent's Guide to Zoom

What is Zoom?

Zoom is an online platform that allows for individuals to communicate via audio and video in real time. Zoom effectively recreates the communication side of class – sure you will not physically be in your classroom, but you can still see and communicate with your teacher and your classmates.

Will this work?

Yes, it will. Zoom is the best 'remedy' for what our schools are going through. However, you must realize that Zoom is only one piece of the puzzle. Elementary schools will use Seesaw and secondary schools will use Schoology for the instructional side of their classes. Seesaw and Schoology allow for instruction and assignments while Zoom allows teachers to directly interact with students to ensure that questions are answered and students empowered and reassured.

How do I Zoom?

Joining a Zoom meeting is easy – look for the link in a School Status text message or email from the school district. The first time someone joins a Zoom meeting, it will prompt for them to install an add on to allow audio and video to work. Be sure to allow the Zoom install.

What if I get lost?

This is new for many people and things are moving at a rapid pace. If you have questions, realize that the former means of communication are still available. Please email your teacher, text via School Status, or call the schools. We are in this together and we are more than happy to assist you.

What if my child is not available to attend class at the time set up by the school district?

Zoom allows for teachers to record the sessions and store them online. Although this is a great benefit of Zoom and it allows for students in different situations to keep up with the meetings, we do not encourage missing them just to watch the stored videos. Why? If you only watch the recordings, you miss out on the two-way, active communication that Zoom allows.