



GRCA Special Education Department

Learning Environment Expectations

While Great River Connections Academy is not a traditional school setting, we do hold our staff to the same professional standards that would be expected in any school setting. In order for you and your child to be active participants in the educational experience, we do need to set forth some expectations for families.

What you can expect from GRCA:

- Appropriate learning environment
 - Quiet setting conducive to giving instruction
 - Cameras on during instruction as much as possible- no distractions in the background for students
 - School appropriate wardrobe
- IEP/ETR meetings
 - Quiet background for all teachers and related service providers
 - Respectful Communication in a calm, professional tone
 - Open conversation about successes and concerns

What we need from families:

- Appropriate learning environment
 - Quiet setting conducive to learning.
 - TVs, video games, loud music should be turned off during any live lesson.
 - Please try to reduce the number of people talking in the background during a session. Using headphones is a great option for students.
 - Cameras on as long as the background is school appropriate.
 - Webcams are required for related services. The therapist reserves the right to end the session if the background is too noisy or if what is being viewed is not school appropriate. *Remember that all students can see the backgrounds of other students and we need you to be mindful of this.*
 - Students cannot be in a moving vehicle for any related service session.

- School appropriate wardrobe for students and anyone else visible in the background.
 - Shirts/pants or other school appropriate attire is required.
- Students should be in a learning position
 - Students should not be laying in bed or laying on the floor. Sitting at a desk or table or even on the couch/comfortable chair is acceptable as long as there are no distractions in the background.
- IEP/ETR meetings
 - Quiet background so that the team can hear the information you are sharing and you can hear what the team is discussing.
 - Calm, school appropriate tone
 - If you choose to use a webcam (not required), please be dressed in school appropriate clothing. If you wouldn't wear it to your local school building, please don't wear it to a meeting or feel free to turn your webcam off.
 - GRCA reserves the right to mute your microphone and/or turn your webcam off if we cannot conduct the meeting in a school appropriate manner.