

Expectations for Online Behavior During Virtual Lessons:

- Students, parents and guardians are prohibited from making video and/or audio recordings of any live-streamed instruction and from copying any pre-recorded instruction.
- No pictures, screenshots, or video or audio recordings should be taken, sent, or shared of anyone.
- No pictures, screenshots, or video or audio recordings should be posted to social media pages or online.
- Student misconduct in a virtual environment will be subject to disciplinary action to the same extent and in the same manner as students violating school rules in a traditional setting.

Act 26 of 2015 signed by Governor Wolf on July 10, 2015 will take effect Sept. 9, 2015.

Here are 5 things to know about Act 26.

1. The new law creates the *offense of "cyber harassment,"* which would include:
 - making seriously disparaging statements about a child's physical characteristics,
 - sexuality,
 - sexual activity or
 - mental or physical health
 - threats to inflict harm.
2. The harassment could be *made electronically, either directly to the child or through social media.*
3. For a juvenile charged with the crime, a diversionary program, which might include an educational program on cyber harassment, would be considered first. Successful completion could lead to the juvenile's record being expunged.
4. The law makes cyber harassment of a child *a third-degree misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$2,500 fine and/or one year in prison.*

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2015&sessInd=0&act=26>