



Grand Haven
Area Public Schools

Zoom for Parents

What is Zoom? Zoom is the video conferencing app that the Y5 - 2nd grade students will use during virtual learning. Students will find the Zoom app downloaded on their iPads.

Where do students and parents find the Zoom conference information? Students will find the link to the Zoom Meeting posted in their Seesaw classroom. You will find the Seesaw app downloaded on the iPad.

What are some protocols that teachers may use during a Zoom conference?

1. Muting participants upon entry.
2. Attendees can raise an electronic hand (by clicking on the "Participants" icon at the bottom of the screen and then clicking on the "Raise Hand" icon at the bottom of the list of participants) or an actual hand so that the teacher can see the student on camera.
3. Reminding students to unmute themselves when speaking.
4. Allowing students to chat, but disallowing private chats and monitoring any open chat occurring during the class.

What sorts of expectations do teachers have during Zoom conferences?

Some likely expectations include:

1. Students should be dressed.
2. Students should be aware of their background.
3. Chat should be respectful and move the conversation forward.
4. If teachers allow virtual backgrounds, they need to be appropriate.
5. Students can be removed from a meeting for inappropriate behavior.
6. When a teacher ends the meeting, the meeting is finished. Students cannot stay behind without the teacher present. This is a virtual classroom.
7. Teachers can consider giving students time to visit with each other while the teacher is still present and listening, but off video to give students some supervised social time.