



*KCS Families,*

*We all know these are challenging times. KCS is searching for ways to continue instructing our students, and many possible solutions are available. One of those solutions is Google Hangouts. Our 1:1 technology initiative has been focused on Google products, and Hangouts is part of what is available to us. As we searched for ways to continue instruction and allow teachers to connect with students, Google Hangouts seemed like a great option for our middle and high school students. Because of this, we activated Google Hangouts for all of middle and high school students. This allows teachers to create a virtual classroom and provide instruction to our students.*

*Unfortunately, students can use Google Hangouts to also connect in chat. We have worked with Google to determine if there is a way to use Hangouts while blocking student accounts from using the chat feature. We have been informed by Google that this is not an option and that Hangouts can only be fully enabled or fully disabled. **However, we have implemented settings that allow students to join Hangouts meetings to which they have been invited to participate, but does not allow them to create Hangouts meetings.***

*We recognize that there are challenges associated with supporting virtual learning at home and ask that you support your child in considering the following behavior reminders when students are in a virtual meeting with their teacher and other students:*

1. When students enter the virtual meeting, we ask that they mute themselves (If not already not muted.).
2. When you have a question, type in the chat box and wait for your teacher to call on you.
3. When you have something to add to what is being said, but it is not your turn, use the chat feature in the right-hand corner. Remember that chats should only be used to ask questions or seek more information, not to socialize with others on the call.
4. Wait for the teacher to call on you to unmute yourself.
5. Only one student should contribute/talk at a time to limit problems with everyone being heard.
6. Stay attentive and limit distractions.
7. A.B.C. **A**lways **B**e **C**ourteous!

*Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and educators as we continue our closure learning plan!*