Membership Criteria
Residents of the Allston & Brighton neighborhoods of Boston, and families with a student(s) enrolled at the Gardner Pilot Academy (GPA) are eligible for a free membership to the Harvard Ed Portal. When a member moves out of the Allston or Brighton neighborhood, or leaves the GPA their membership will immediately end, and they will no longer be eligible to participate in Member-only programing. The Ed Portal expects that members will update, as needed, their mailing address, email address, telephone numbers, and their designated emergency contact.

Event and Program Registration
The Ed Portal may, on occasion, introduce event and program attendance requirements such as:
• submission of an application
• pre-registration
• the completion of work in advance of attendance
• on-time arrival

All program participants, including members, agree to abide by any event or program specific requirements the Ed Portal may determine appropriate.

COVID-19 Policies
Vaccination
• To attend an in-person program or event at the Harvard Ed Portal, or to visit the Crossings Gallery all visitors age 5 and older are required to provide proof of up-to-date vaccination. Visitors who are unwilling or unable to provide proof of up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination will not be admitted to the Ed Portal building.
• Up-to-date vaccination means having received two doses of the Moderna/Pfizer vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two weeks prior to the day of an Ed Portal visit. If eligible, visitors must also have received a booster shot.
• Up-to-date vaccination may be proved by showing a physical vaccine card, a photo of a vaccine card or a digital vaccine record (such as the Massachusetts SMART Health Card or displaying the Boston’s B Together app).
• Staff will verify vaccine documentation upon your arrival, but the Ed Portal will not collect or store this information. Please do not email your vaccine documentation in advance of your visit.
• Any person who does not meet these requirements will be denied entry to the Ed Portal even if they have a valid reservation or program registration.

Face Coverings
• All visitors age 2 or older, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a face covering while on Ed Portal grounds.
• Requests for exceptions to the face covering policy for medical reasons must be submitted for consideration in advance of traveling to the Ed Portal. Please email us at edportal@harvard.edu.
• Face coverings must cover both the nose and mouth of the wearer and must provide a tight fit against the face.
• Unacceptable face coverings include single-layer cloth face coverings, bandanas hanging loosely and not secured under the chin, masks with exhalation valves/vents, and coverings made from loosely woven material or highly elastic fabric, which can become ineffective.

Additional Policies
• Visitors are encouraged to regularly use the hand sanitizer stations throughout the Harvard Ed Portal.
• The Harvard Ed Portal has carefully planned for its operations in alignment with city, state and Harvard University guidelines. Although we have implemented enhanced health and safety measures, we cannot guarantee that any visitor will not contract COVID-19 during their visit. A risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public setting.
To help protect visitors and staff, we ask that you stay home if you are unwell, are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19*, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days prior to your visit, or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days prior to your visit.

*Known COVID-19 symptoms include: fever, chills, or feeling feverish; new cough (not related to chronic condition); shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; new fatigue; muscle or body aches; new headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; new nasal congestion or new runny nose (not related to seasonal allergies); nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

Ed Portal Space Closures
The Ed Portal on occasion limits access to all or parts of the Ed Portal space for programmatic or safety reasons. All visitors to the Ed Portal space agree to abide by instruction from Ed Portal staff and relevant signage regarding closures, limited access, and space occupancy limits.

Supervision of Children
Unless childcare is specifically provided or a child is enrolled in an Ed Portal program, no child under the age of 14 may be left unsupervised by a parent or guardian in the Ed Portal space.

Behavior Requirement
Anyone engaging in behavior that endangers, threatens, offends, or disrupts Ed Portal visitors, program participants, or staff will be asked to leave virtual or in-person programing, and/or the Ed Portal building.

Respectful Use – Ed Portal Building
All visitors to the Ed Portal agree to respect the Ed Portal’s physical space at all times by:

- not engaging in behaviors that risk damaging or defacing the Ed Portal building or space
- agreeing to share the space with other visitors and guests
- not leaving personal belonging unattended
- cleaning up after themselves in furtherance of maintaining a clean and tidy Ed Portal
- not sleeping or napping inside of the Ed Portal

Respectful Use – Behavior in Programing

- Program participants may only join in-person or virtual programs and events that they have successfully registered for. If applicable, individuals who access a program or event without first successfully registering will be asked to leave or denied entry.

- Virtual program participants should identify themselves using their full given name for the duration of a program. Using someone else’s name or a name that contains offensive or obscene content will result in a participant’s expulsion from a program.

- Program participants are expected to remain engaged and attentive for the duration of a program. Anyone sleeping during an in-person or virtual program may be asked to leave.

- Program participants are expected to join Ed Portal programing appropriately groomed and dressed. Anyone wearing inappropriate attire during a program will be asked to leave.

- The use of profanity or obscenities in any form, or the display of inappropriate or lewd content will result in immediate removal from Ed Portal in-person or virtual programing.

- Verbal abuse, or behavior that threatens, offends, disrupts or harasses other program participants, program facilitators, or Ed Portal staff will result in immediate removal from a program.

Use and Possession of Prohibited Items
The possession and/or use of any items or products prohibited under Federal and/or Massachusetts Law is strictly forbidden while inside the Ed Portal, while on Harvard property, or while participating in virtual Ed Portal programing.

Use and Possession of Drugs
Harvard University (including the Ed Portal), consistent with federal and state law, prohibits the consumption, possession, use, and sale of illicit drugs and alcohol, including the misuse (sharing, buying, or using in a manner different than prescribed) of prescription drugs. The Ed Portal reserves the right to deny in-person or virtual entry to anyone displaying inappropriate behavior, including belligerence or intoxication. Additionally, Ed Portal staff may ask individuals acting inappropriately, belligerently, or who are suspected of being intoxicated to leave the Ed Portal property and/or an Ed Portal virtual program.
Use and Possession of Alcohol
The possession and/or consumption of alcohol while inside the Ed Portal or on Ed Portal property, outside of an Ed Portal event that is serving alcohol, is forbidden. The consumption of alcohol is also prohibited while in an Ed Portal virtual program without express approval. The Ed Portal reserves the right to deny in-person or virtual entry to anyone displaying inappropriate behavior, including belligerence or intoxication. Additionally, Ed Portal staff may ask individuals acting inappropriately, belligerently, or who are suspected of being intoxicated to leave the Ed Portal property and/or an Ed Portal virtual program.

Smoking
Smoking, vaping and the use of cannabis and tobacco are not permitted inside of the Ed Portal, on Ed Portal property, or while in an Ed Portal virtual program. The use of all smoke-related products including e-cigarettes, cigars, vaporizers, tobacco and its derivatives, and cannabis and its derivatives are prohibited.

Pets
Pets are not permitted in the Ed Portal. Service animals are permitted with presentation of an official certification upon arrival.

Bikes and Scooters
Bikes and scooters (unless required by persons with a mobility impairment) are not permitted inside of the Ed Portal. Visitors are asked to utilize the several bike racks around the exterior of the Ed Portal building.

Illness
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