District Requirements

- District must complete a "request for consideration" form.
- Non-ISS members agree to pay $150.00 rental fee per 30 days.
- Examine the wireless network.
  - Check for dead spots if using school's WiFi
- Provide a current computer or other device to the student. Download the VGo software (free download) to the device prior to deployment.
  https://controlpanel.vgocom.com/download
- Identify the person who will help maintain and/or troubleshoot the device with the student.
- Identify the person who will be the liaison between the district, student, and ESC Region 11.
- Make sure the teacher(s) are comfortable with the technology and that they have a process of getting materials to and from the student.
- Enable the student to drive his/her VGo around the school to become familiar with the layout of the classrooms and other locations they may be visiting. This is best done after school or during a vacation break without other kids in school.
- Minimize disruption by holding an assembly or in class briefings before the VGo arrives to explain that one of their classmates is going to attend school via a telepresence robot. Explain how they should behave around the robot – instruct them to be respectful and treat the student like they would anyone else.
- Have the teachers break the ice in their classrooms by introducing the student and explaining he/she is just like them.
- Assign "Bot-Buddies." This is similar to a student who is on crutches needing assistance.
- Identify where the VGo will get charged at the end of the school day. Assign someone who will make it available in the morning and secure it after school. A VGo has never been taken according to the manufacturer – no one else can use it, but the schools that have VGo's today tell us they lock them up at night as a precaution.