

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian,

Technology is an excellent tool in the classroom for teachers and students. However, the Internet is a dangerous place, and while the school network has an excellent proxy (security wall), rules must be set in place in order to ensure the safety of the students. This acceptable term use policy is simply a notice to the parent or guardian detailing the rules in the classroom regarding technology in the classroom. The parent or guardian should sign the bottom of the document and send it back to school with their child. If there are any questions regarding the subject or aims of the acceptable term use policy, feel free to contact the administration.

The use of technology resources is a privilege, not a right. All students are expected to follow all rules. The teacher and/or the principal will enforce discipline consequences to any students in violation of this agreement. If it is a legal matter, charges could be filed against the student.

The following uses of school-provided internet access are not permitted:

- a. Accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;
- b. Transmitting obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
- c. Violating any local, state, or federal statute;
- d. Accessing another individual's materials, information, or files without the permission of the person;
- e. Violating copyright or otherwise using the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission;
- f. Using passwords other than one's own without written permission of that person;
- g. Vandalizing, defined as any unauthorized access and/or malicious attempt to damage computer hardware/software or networks or destroying the data of another user, including creating, uploading, or intentionally introducing viruses;
- h. Using the network for commercial purposes;
- i. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others;
- j. Giving out personal information on-line such as full name, home address, phone number, etc;
- k. Gaining unauthorized access ("hacking") to resources or entities;
- l. Invading the privacy of individuals;
- m. Altering the set-up of computers as set by the system administrator;
- n. Using software which has not been assigned or approved by staff;
- o. Failing to follow a district policy while using computers or failing to follow any other policies or guidelines established by district administration, teacher, or other appropriate district staff;
- p. Seeking to gain or gaining unauthorized access to information resources or other computing devices;
- q. Accessing chat rooms, and sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student coursework;

Technology Rules

- While using any form or computer of technology, students will be supervised at all times.
- Social Media, unless used for specific learning reasons, will not be allowed on the school network.
- Any obscene or inappropriate websites are not allowed and could lead to disciplinary action.
- Never click on ads

NETIQUETTE AND RESPONSIBLE USE

- Use digital communications (e.g. blogs, wikis, chats, discussion boards, etc.) responsibly. You will not use computers, personal devices, or the Internet to send or post hate or harassing mail, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others, or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for the school in all of your online activities.
- You understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden.
- You will not attempt to bypass security settings or Internet filters, or interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, malware, or freeware on school computers.
- You will follow all guidelines set forth by teachers when publishing schoolwork online.
- You understand the administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.

Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that the right to use the computer network and Internet access may be suspended or terminated if I fail to comply with any of the rules and requirements outlined in that policy.

Student FIRST & LAST Name (print)

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date