

SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOLS
STUDENT ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY and AGREEMENT

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The Sumter County Schools provides computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. Students may be granted access to the district's electronic communication system, which may include access to the internet. The internet is a worldwide network that provides access to thousands of libraries, databases, and other unique informational resources. A student's activities while using this system must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the Sumter County Schools. Sumter County Schools utilize filtering services for internet accessed material. Filtering limits the accessibility to inappropriate sites but cannot guarantee such sites will not be accessible, nor does it provide any guarantee to the authenticity or accuracy of any information accessed. Ultimately, parents of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for individual access.

Students are responsible for good behavior when using school technologies just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. All users are expected to use the computers and computer networks in a responsible, ethical and polite manner.

The use of the technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Students violating any of the provisions of this agreement, or the overall Acceptable Use Policy, may be subject to loss of user privileges and other disciplinary options, including criminal prosecution, where applicable.

Files stored on the district's technology resources and online activities are not private. Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers. School authorities have the right to review and monitor all information stored or transmitted on the network.

Teachers may use internet resources in class. Teachers may use internet resources as part of their classroom instruction. This document relates to individually controlled access and should not be interpreted as excusing the student from such class presentations where the teacher directs and controls the access or the use of managed online services under contract to the Sumter District Schools.

The Technology Resources Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy governs all use of these technological resources. The Technology Resources Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy, School Board Rule 8.62, is printed on the back of this form.

Responsible Use Includes:

- **Staying on Task** - Students will use such technology resources to meet the requirements and/or expectations of their teachers. Any activity outside this scope, such as accessing resources not related to the lesson or when other activities have been assigned, is unacceptable.
- **Being Polite and Not Offending Others** - The use or display of language, pictures or other forms of expression that would be considered obscene, offensive, harassing, insulting, abusive or harmful to others is not allowed.
- **Protecting Your Account and Not Sharing Passwords** - Students may not use the accounts of other people. You are always to login under your own account or through special class account as provided by your teacher or other school official.
- **Never Leaving a Computer Logged on Unattended** - Students must always close their account before leaving. Leaving a computer logged in is very similar to sharing your account because others could possibly use it.
- **Not Using Personal Internet Accounts While at School** - While students are at school they are not to use any personal network accounts, including email, social networking, etc. unless specifically approved and for school business.
- **Never Giving Out Personal Information** - Students are not to give out personal information about themselves or others while using the technological resources.
- **Not Wasting Limited Resources** - Students should always be cautious not to monopolize the use of computers or use excessive materials such as printer paper or internet bandwidth.
- **Respecting Copyright Laws and Not to Plagiarize** - It is important that students realize and respect the ownership of the works they use. Students must give credit to authors and not take credit for work they did not create.
- **Caring For Computer Files, Programs and Equipment** - It is everybody's responsibility to help keep the technology working smoothly. It is important to take care of the computer and all of its parts. It is also important to turn off the computers properly. Students are not to erase or change any computer files other than their own.
- **Not Using the School's Computers or Networks for Personal Business** - Students may not use the school's computers or network for financial gain or other personal business, including shopping.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM
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STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I have read the Sumter County Schools Student Acceptable Technology Use Policy And Agreement and I understand and agree to abide by it. I have read what responsible use is as well as examples of what is unacceptable. I agree to refrain from any unacceptable uses of the system and will report any violations to a teacher or other school official. I also understand that if I fail to use the technological resources responsibly, it may result in cancellation of this privilege and/or disciplinary action.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN:

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read and understand the Sumter County Schools Student Acceptable Technology Use Policy And Agreement and discussed it with the student. I understand that even though the school employs filtering technology, it may not be able to restrict access to all inappropriate and controversial materials on the internet, and will not hold the Sumter County Schools responsible for materials my son or daughter may acquire as a result of the use of the internet from school facilities. I hereby release the district and its personnel from any and all claims and damages arising out of my student's use of the district's system.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

WHITE: SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

YELLOW: SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

PINK: PARENT