

School District #81 – Acceptable Use Agreement

The following are expectations for students using electronic communications systems including but not limited to accessing the Internet and e-mail through the District's/Schools' networks. Students in Grades 5-12 who sign this document agree to the following terms and conditions.

School rules apply: As a student, I understand that there are school rules related to expected conduct, the use of appropriate language including making fair and respectful comments, and guidelines for responsible behaviour. I understand that any other "School Rules" related to using technology must also be followed.

More specifically, without limiting the above, I agree that:

- ☐ I understand that having access to technology will be at the discretion of my school.
- ☐ I will use electronic communications systems for lawful educational purposes only.
- ☐ I will handle with care and consideration any electronic communications equipment so as to avoid or minimize any physical damage or damage to data.
- ☐ I will use network services in such a way that performance is not disrupted or terminated.
- ☐ I will access the network using approved devices only.
- ☐ I understand that I may be permitted to access the network with personal devices and that I must use these devices in compliance with the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- ☐ I will use every effort so as not to corrupt the files or systems of other users.
- ☐ I will respect the privacy of other users.
- ☐ I will use language that is not considered offensive or threatening to others.
- ☐ I will avoid receiving, keeping or distributing inappropriate materials, including material that is obscene, pornographic, sexist, racist, belligerent or harmful to others.
- ☐ I will inform my teacher or principal if I come across any sites, material, information or situations that I believe contain inappropriate material.
- ☐ I will only access social media sites approved for educational use by my teacher.
- ☐ I will not meet with any strangers I talk to on the Internet without first consulting my parent or guardian.
- ☐ I will not distribute personal information about myself or anyone else through the District or school server including names, school, interests, extracurricular activities, home or school address or phone numbers. I may however, post school projects and work on the Internet as approved by my teacher.
- ☐ I will only use what I believe to be authorized, legal copies of information and software.
- ☐ If provided, I agree to keep any network service password secret and I agree that I will not use someone else's password to access the system.

Plagiarism & Copyright:

- ☐ I agree that I will not copy any information and claim it as my own.
- ☐ I agree that I will give written credit for sources of information for my work.

Consequences of unacceptable use: The consequences for breaking any rules that apply to use of any electronic communications system, include but may not be limited to the following:

- Loss of privileges to access and use any electronic communications systems.
- Possible disciplinary action at the school and district level.
- Financial liability for damaged equipment.

I understand that I am personally responsible for my actions, errors, and omissions in using a District electronic communications system and accessing the Internet. I further understand the consequences for failing to comply with the terms and conditions of these regulations, may well exceed school disciplinary action, and may include criminal investigations, civil suits or both.