

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AND STUDENT INTERNET PERMISSION AGREEMENT

Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign this Agreement before being granted network/internet access at Grow Public Schools. Please read this document carefully before signing.

Educational Purpose

Grow Public Schools provides technology use, including Internet access, to students and teachers in order to further the educational purpose of the school. Access is given as a privilege, not a right, and may be limited or denied by Grow Public Schools personnel. Grow Public Schools administration, faculty, and staff reserve the right to access, review and modify and/or delete any student's files and data records used on the school technology/communication system, which violate the Terms and Conditions below.

“Educational purpose” means classroom activities, research in academic subjects, career or professional development activities, Grow Public Schools approved personal research activities, or other purposes as defined by Grow Public Schools from time to time.

“Inappropriate use” means a use that is inconsistent with an educational purpose or that is in clear violation of this policy and the *Student Internet Permission Agreement*.

Terms and Conditions, you agree to as a Grow Public Schools Student

1. I understand that...

- a. The use of the internet/network is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate use. The school reserves the right to restrict the use of any digital content that is primarily for a social or entertainment purpose, or that otherwise detracts from the educational environment and is not of educational purpose. These restrictions may be enforced on the school network and/or any electronic device I use while at Grow Public Schools.
- b. All school-provided technology, including network access and storage, is for educational use. Any other use may result in loss of user account, access to the internet/network, and/or confiscation of equipment.
- c. Email and storage accounts are Grow Public Schools property.
- d. Anything I do on Grow Public Schools computers, or on the Grow Public Schools network is not private and can be monitored by administration, faculty, and staff.
- e. I assume responsibility for understanding this policy and its guidelines as a condition of using Grow Public Schools' network.
- f. Each student must have a completed *Student Internet Permission Agreement* on file, stating whether or not he/she will abide by Grow Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy and rules regarding technology resources. Signatures of students and parents/guardians indicate an agreement to comply with Grow Public Schools

standards and honor the agreement they have signed. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold Grow Public Schools or any Grow Public Schools' staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Grow Public Schools and Grow Public Schools' personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

2. I will...

- a. Abide by all rules and regulations of the system as changed or added to from time to time by the administration.
- b. Address all concerns regarding the use of technology first to the supervising teacher, and then to the administration.
- c. Abide by the additional rules set out in other technology policies.

3. I will not engage in inappropriate use when using Grow Public Schools' resources. Examples of inappropriate use include:

- a. Use or carry on my person, any personal electronic device, including, but not limited to Chromebook, laptop, netbook, iPad, tablet, Kindle, head/earphones, mobile or smart phone, in Grow Public Schools between 7:50 am and 3:40 pm.
- b. Use any software or access any internet content in the classroom that has been prohibited by the teacher or school, or for any illegal purpose whatsoever.
- c. Attempt to circumvent or uninstall monitoring software from my Chromebook or any other Grow Public Schools computer.
- d. Use Grow Public Schools Chromebooks, computers, DVD, VCR players, cameras, classroom projectors or other school technical equipment without permission.
- e. Use anyone else's ID and password nor allow anyone else to use my username(s) or password(s). The person in whose name an account is issued is responsible at all times for its proper use. Passwords should never be shared with another person and should be changed on a regular basis.
- f. Attempt to hack into any school computer or server, or any other person's account.
- g. Knowingly attempt to introduce any virus or malware, or any other destructive software, onto any Grow Public Schools computers or across network.
- h. Download or store on my Chromebook or computer any music, games, videos or other media for which I have not obtained a legal license.
- i. Download, install or run any software on my Chromebook or computer for which I have not obtained a legal license.
- j. Plagiarize, or violate copyright laws in regards to unauthorized use, copying, or forwarding of copyrighted materials including text, images, audio, music or video clips.

- k. Vandalize any technology at Grow Public Schools.
- l. Interfere with others' use of technology.
- m. Use any computer to commit acts which are illegal.
- n. Use technology resources to harass, insult or attack others.
- o. Use technology resources to create, find, share, or download offensive, obscene language and/or images or pornography or any other visual depictions that are harmful to minors.

4. I assume responsibility for...

- a. Any damages to school equipment while I use it. This includes paying for repairs, which are listed in the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers, Electronic Devices, Network, and Other Electronic Information.
- b. Any consequences that arise from my use of technology- including my cell phone/personal technology- while at Grow Public Schools.
- c. My actions while on-line. This means that I will be polite to others and use appropriate language.
- d. Being a good digital citizen, respecting the technology made available to me, and setting a good example in my use of technology to better our learning community.

Social Media

The school recognizes that social media can be used for instruction to connect students with the global community; however, the Terms of Service (TOS) of many social media tools eliminate the majority of Grow Public Schools' population from using these tools. Should teachers choose to use legally acceptable social media tools, a certified teacher will supervise students. When social media is used, normal school rules of etiquette and conduct spelled out in the student handbook apply, including rules regarding bullying and harassment. The school reserves the right to limit or block student use of such sites at the discretion of the administration. Additionally, we encourage all parent/guardians to be fully aware of their student's use of social media and to monitor what is acceptable for them to make use of while outside of school.

Safety

Grow Public Schools shall ensure that all Grow Public Schools computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to websites that have no educational purpose and/or contain visual depictions that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or that are harmful to minors. While Grow Public Schools is able exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by Grow Public Schools, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither Grow Public Schools nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology

protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence.

To reinforce these measures, the Principal or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision

Consequences for Violations

Students who violate the Acceptable Use Policy may lose their account privileges at the discretion of the administration. The administration will determine the length of time for which privileges are lost on an individual basis. Further disciplinary action including, but not limited to, detentions, suspensions, expulsions and police notification will be issued by the administration as deemed necessary.

No Warranties

The school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, regarding the use of computers, Grow Public Schools' network, the internet, accuracy, correctness, completeness, or reliability of any information, files, or software. The school will not be responsible for any damages for any of the foregoing, including loss of data, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions, whether caused by its negligence, user errors or omissions, or other defects. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The school specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through use of Grow Public Schools' network or the Internet.

Indemnification

The parent or guardian, by signing below, in consideration of Grow Public Schools providing his/her student with network and Internet access, agrees to indemnify Grow Public Schools for any losses, costs, or damages (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by Grow Public Schools relating to, or arising out of, any breach of these or other Grow Public Schools rules by the student in using computers, the network, and the Internet.

STUDENT INTERNET PERMISSION AGREEMENT

Please complete ALL of the information below and return this form to Grow Public Schools. It MUST be completed, signed and returned regardless of whether you WILL or WILL NOT allow your child to use technology resources based on the *Technology Acceptable Use Policy*. Grow Public Schools supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not your child has access to these resources.

We, student and parent/guardian, understand and will abide by all rules contained in this Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Grow Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy for Computers, Electronic Devices, Network, and Other Electronic Information, and any other rules of computer, network, or Internet use adopted from time to time. We have discussed this policy and understand that our child is required to follow the rules for acceptable use of technology. We further understand that, we will be liable for any violations of these rules and that our child will be subject to potential disciplinary action for violating these rules including, but not limited to, loss of access and user privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

The signature(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s) and student(s) are required on this policy before a student will be issued a Grow Public Schools account that will allow him or her to access the network and Internet resources. In addition, both parent/guardian and student must sign the Laptop Legal Agreement before the student will be issued a laptop.

(Please check ONLY one box.)

- We, student and parent/guardian, **ACCEPT** this policy and agree to abide by its rules and mandates; our acceptance will allow (student name) to use Grow Public Schools technology resources—computer hardware/software and networks and the Internet (e.g., electronic mail and the World Wide Web). We hold Grow Public Schools and its officers, board members, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense or claim for injury or damages students may have arising out of the use of Grow Public Schools technology resources.

- We, student and parent/guardian, **DO NOT ACCEPT** this policy; we understand that (student name) will not be allowed to use **Grow Public Schools** technology resources— computer hardware/software, networks, servers, or the Internet (*e.g.* electronic mail, and the World Wide Web).

Grade _____

Date _____

Student Name(print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name(print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone Number _____