



Agreement between the German International School New York and GISNY Students Concerning the Use of Cell Phones, Digital Media, and Internet

Student: ..... Grade Level: .....

The GIS would like its students to become familiar with the new information and communication media and use them judiciously and with scholarly intent. To ensure everybody’s safe use, students need to adhere to the following rules.

- For grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> cell and smartphones remain switched off during the entire school day, and digital media and the internet will only be used under a teacher’s supervision for educational purposes.
- Upper School students (grades 10-12) may use electronic devices during their free periods and recess in their classrooms and upper grade lounge only, provided that these devices are being used for reading, silent communication, and/or listening to music with headphones only.
- I am only going to use electronic devices for the educational purpose indicated by the teacher.
- I will not copy or download software in school for my private use. All programs and software may only be installed with the teacher’s permission.
- I will not change any settings on the hard and software on the school’s computers and iPads.
- I will not give anyone else my passwords.
- I will not divulge my own or other people’s personal information on the internet.
- Most movies, texts, pictures, and music on the internet are copyrighted. I will not copy such material.
- For the purpose of my student reports and papers that remain unpublished, I may use copyrighted material provided I always indicate its author and source.
- I will not copy, change, and/or publish the work of other students without their permission.
- I am aware that my school does not permit pornographic and racist material nor does it permit sites that depict violence. I will not consume or search for such sites and materials.
- I will use proper and respectful etiquette when communicating with others in school and in e-mails, message boards, chats, apps etc. I will not insult or threaten anyone.
- I will not publish any work on the internet without my teacher’s permission.
- If I happen to receive doubtful e-mails or if I encounter doubtful sites on the internet, I will immediately inform my teacher.
- \*\*\* I understand that I am subject to disciplinary action for violating the school technology rules.

Date: ..... Student’s Signature: .....

Parents’ Declaration: We are/I am aware that our/my child has permission to use the internet and digital media provided he/she follow the above rules.

Date: ..... Parents’ Signature: .....