



District 129 Rights and Responsibilities and Acceptable Use of Technology Parent/Guardian and Student Notification Statement

The COVID-19 pandemic wrought a drastic and unexpected upheaval on schools across the globe. West Aurora School District 129 is thankful for our educators, families, and students who, by way of their creativity, adaptability, and dedication, rose to the challenge. We now have an opportunity to emerge stronger and make lasting changes in the ways we support, teach, connect with, and value the more than 12,000 students in our care. As the 2020 - 2021 school year gets underway, many school procedures will look different and become our new normal, while others will continue to be fluid until the pandemic settles.

The purpose of the linked [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#), which is inclusive of the [Acceptable Use of District 129 Technology Policy](#), is to familiarize students and families with the expectations of responsible, safe, productive, and respectful student conduct during both in-person and virtual instruction. Any updates or changes to these procedures will be communicated in multiple media formats, including an update to this document. Access to student policies can be found on the district and individual school websites. If you would like a printed copy, please contact your child's school office and they can assist you.

Please be aware that student issued devices are the property of the school district, inappropriate use of the equipment may result in remote device deactivation and the suspension of student accounts. Should a student engage in inappropriate virtual behaviors, disciplinary actions may be issued.

Our entire staff would like to welcome our new and returning students to a new and exciting school year in School District 129, where we embrace the curiosity, complexity, and joy of learning!

During virtual learning and while connected electronically as a District 129 Student, please be:

RESPONSIBLE

- Properly care for all technology devices, carry the iPad or Chromebook with two hands
- Contact the help desk if the device is not working correctly or has been damaged
- Do not remove the barcode sticker on the device - Charges may occur if removed
- Stay appropriately engaged during class and only visit educationally appropriate websites

SAFE

- Protect yourself by not engaging in risky behavior while online
- If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, say something to a trusted adult at home and/or at school
- Be protective of your digital footprint. Don't post or share information on social media or through text messaging that could negatively impact your future

PRODUCTIVE

- Student issued devices are to be used only for educationally appropriate activities
- Keep your device charged and prepared for class each day
- Maintain a healthy balance of online and offline activities

RESPECTFUL

- Do not engage in cyberbullying behaviors towards other students
- Use Zoom, Schoology, Seesaw, and other platforms utilized by District 129 appropriately
- Always give proper credit when someone else's work or ideas are being used

Please be advised that District 129 monitors student work through a content alert notification system. This notification system is monitored by District 129 Administration. Content that is deemed as a risk of harm to self or others, or of any other illegal matter, will be shared with the appropriate local police department and/or the Department of Children and Family Services.