

QSI STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY & PARENT CONSENT FORM

Computers, the Internet, and related technologies are valuable resources for students, and serve as the world's largest library and information database. QSI is dedicated to producing students capable of succeeding in today's technology-pervasive society. Students receive technology training including QSI's Essential Unit on Digital Citizenship. This unit, required for every QSI student from age 5 through secondary, provides a strong background in the proficiencies and ethical competencies for safe computer use and to succeed in modern society. Students are expected to conduct themselves according to these outcomes, even when not at school. Issues brought to the attention of the staff that negatively affect other students or disrupt the school day will be dealt with by the school. These guidelines are available from your school or online at: <http://www.qsi.org>.

Your student may be asked to create the email or other online accounts required to accomplish these essential outcomes. Photographs of your student may appear in QSI publications and documents, or media reports about QSI.

Please contact your school director if you have concerns about this or any other requirement below.

A. Acceptable Use

1. Technology is to be used in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. Some information and activities are not appropriate for school.
2. All technology use must support QSI's educational objectives, meet the objectives of QSI's Digital Citizenship Outcomes, and be in accordance with QSI's Success Orientations.
3. Use for student self-discovery may be allowed, but the Director will decide what usage is acceptable.
4. The Director may suspend or permanently end technology access for any student who violates QSI's AUP.
5. The use of QSI technology is a privilege, not a right.
6. The cost of willful damage will be billed to the parent or guardian of the abusing student.

B. Unacceptable Use Includes:

1. Downloading, copying or adding any unauthorized software, applications or files to or from the System.
2. Plagiarizing others' work. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the student. This includes direct copying as well as paraphrasing ideas without giving credit to the author.
3. Violating copyright, trade or service marks, or intellectual property rights. This includes peer to peer file sharing of copyrighted files. If the student is unsure whether or they can use a work, they should not use it without permission from the owner.
4. Using any username, password, or resource (within or beyond QSI) that a student is not authorized to use.

5. Participating in illegal activities. Activities on Internet accessible computers may be governed by the laws of several countries and jurisdictions.
6. Using harmful, threatening, abusive, or obscene language or imagery at any time.
7. Vandalizing computers, the school network, technology, and equipment, drives, files, software, or Internet resources. Vandalizing includes, but is not limited to any attempt to modify, erase, or destroy another person's documents or files, or to defame or vandalize someone's digital profiles.
8. Using technology that is explicitly prohibited which may include Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo Mail & chat, Facebook, YouTube, and personal mobile devices.
9. Attempting to fix, repair, or enhance any equipment, device, software or other QSI resource without teacher approval. Please contact QSI regarding any repair or fix.
10. Wasting resources, including file storage, Intranet and Internet bandwidth, or paper, by unauthorized gaming, downloading, video or audio streaming, or other unauthorized activities.
11. Playing tricks or pranks on other people. Examples may include moving files, adding unauthorized content to a document or e-mail, or otherwise distorting information.
12. Engaging in any activity that might imperil the student or others. Students should promptly disclose to their teacher or other school employee any message they receive that is inappropriate.
13. Violating the posted policies for any lab, library, or computer room.

My signature below acknowledges that I have read, understood, and agree to the QSI Student AUP (Acceptable Use Policy). I further acknowledge that I will abide by the rules and guidelines stated above.

QSI Student Name (Print)

QSI Student Name (Sign)

Date

As Parent or Guardian, I accept this agreement and the information set forth above.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Sign)

Date