



# SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **Student Responsible Use of Technology Agreement**

The San Luis Coastal Unified School District recognizes and supports advances in technology and provides an array of technology resources for students to use to enhance learning and education. While these technologies provide a valuable resource to students, it is important that students' use of District Technology be appropriate for school purposes.

The purpose of this Student Responsible Use of Technology Agreement ("Agreement") is to ensure a safe and appropriate environment for all students. This Agreement notifies parents and students about the acceptable ways in which District Technology may be used. Inappropriate use of District Technology exposes the District to liability and risks, including, virus attacks, compromise of network systems and services, and potential litigation.

The access, use, and possession of District Technology is a privilege permitted at the District's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies (e.g., Board Policy 6163.4), administrative regulations, and this Agreement. Students are taught network etiquette and are expected to follow it. The District reserves the right to suspend access to District Technology at any time, without notice, for any reason.

Each student who is authorized to use District Technology and his/her parent/guardian shall sign this Agreement as an indication that they have read and understand the agreement.

### **Definitions**

#### *District Technology*

District Technology includes, but is not limited to, District computers; the District's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (Wi-Fi); District electronic devices such as USB drives, phones, cameras, wireless access points (routers), mobile hotspots, tablet computers; District data networks, operating systems, storage, email systems, web applications, IOT devices, or mobile applications.

### **Student Obligations and Responsibilities**

Acceptable Use: District students are only permitted to use District Technology for educational purposes which are safe (pose no risk to students, employees or assets), legal, ethical, do not conflict with the mission of the District, and are compliant with all other District policies and regulations. Students shall not share any District-assigned account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes. Acceptable use of District Technology includes use that is for the purpose of communicating between teachers and students, or between students for educational purposes. The District reserves the right to restrict access to online destinations with network filters, software, or other means.

Students are prohibited from using District Technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of District Technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive;
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals (“cyberbullying”);
3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person;
4. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights;
5. Intentionally disrupt or harm District Technology or other District operations (such as destroying District equipment, placing a virus on District computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other District personnel, changing settings on shared computers, or committing a denial-of-service attack against District resources);
6. Install unauthorized software, or applications;
7. Download large non-school related video, audio or other files;
8. Spend excessive time using District Technology for non-education purposes (e.g., shopping, personal social networking, gaming, or sports related sites); and
9. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice.

No Expectation of Privacy: Because the use of District Technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of District Technology. Log files, browsing history, and other data about user activities with District Technology may be used at any time, without prior notice, for any legal purpose including, but not limited to, record retention and and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of District Technology (such as web searches) cannot be erased or deleted.

Blocked or Restricted Access: Student access to specific Internet resources, or categories of Internet resources, deemed inappropriate or non-compliant with this Agreement may be blocked or restricted. A particular web site that is deemed “acceptable” for use may still be judged a risk to the District (e.g., it could be hosting malware), in which case it may also be subject to blocking or restriction.

Personally Owned Devices: If a student uses a personally owned device to access District Technology, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, this Agreement, and the Agreement for Student Participation in the Bring Your Own Device Program. Students may use personally owned devices for educational purposes and will be responsible for any fees charged by their personal device’s service provider. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to be disclosed pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

District-Owned Devices: If a student uses a District-owned device to access District Technology, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, this Agreement, and the District Provided Technology Device Use Agreement. Students may use District-owned devices for educational purposes. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to be disclosed pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

Reporting: If a student becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of District Technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other District personnel.

Consequences for Violation: Violations of the law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or this Agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to District Technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or this Agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

Disclaimer: The District makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of District Technology. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained by a student while using District Technology. The District cannot completely prevent the availability of material on the Internet that may be deemed harmful or intended for adults. Information obtained via the Internet is at the user's risk. Any statement accessible using District Technology, including advertisements on non-District web sites, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees.

Specific Consent to Search and Seizure of District Technology: The undersigned consents to the search and seizure of any District Technology in the undersigned's possession by the District, the District's authorized representative, a District employee, or any Peace Officer at any time of the day or night and by any means. This consent is unlimited and shall apply to any District Technology that is in the possession of the undersigned, whenever the possession occurs, and regardless of whether the possession is authorized. The undersigned waives any rights that may apply to searches of District Technology under SB 178.

**Student Acknowledgement of Receipt & Agreement**

I acknowledge that I have received, read and understood this Agreement. I understand that any violations of this Agreement may be grounds for disciplinary action against me. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using District Technology. I understand that a copy of this signed Agreement will be placed in my student file.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Print Student Name

**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Receipt & Agreement**

I acknowledge that I have received, read and understood the Agreement. I understand that my child shall comply with the terms of this Agreement. I give permission for my child to use District Technology, including access to the school’s computer network and the Internet. I understand that, despite the District’s best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I understand that violations of this Agreement may be grounds for disciplinary action against my child. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, District, and District personnel against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my child’s use of District technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the District. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child’s use of his/her access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Print Parent/Guardian Name