

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF DISTRICT FROM LIABILITY

Riverdale School District



The use of digital technology, especially devices that create digital content and access the internet, are essential elements of a high quality educational experience. Greater flexibility and mobility in the use of digital technology enhances learning opportunities. Many classes require students to create and share digital content, and to access and use educational content and materials on the internet.

The Riverdale School District ("District") authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the District as necessary for instructional purposes.

This Student Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to promote responsible use and protect students and the school from liability resulting from the misuse of District-issued devices or District provided web-based services. The use 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, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement.

A student's use of technology, whether on or off campus, must be used in a manner consistent with the mission and philosophy of the District. District-issued devices shall remain the property of the District. Therefore, there shall be no assumption of privacy when using a District issued device.

The District reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason. The District also reserves the right to inspect, monitor, lock, erase, search, confiscate, or track all District issued devices at any time without the prior authorization of a student or the student's parent or legal guardian. In accordance with District and school policy, misuse of a District issued device may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

The District expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The District may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

Students are authorized to use District technology and equipment to access the internet or online services in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below and in accordance with Board policy and this Acceptable Use Agreement ("Agreement").

Guardians will acknowledge receipt of and agreement with this Agreement in order for their students to be granted an account. This Agreement will be renewed on an annual basis.

DEFINITIONS

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the District's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the internet, local and cloud based software applications, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on- or off-site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

DISTRICT-ISSUED WEB-BASED ACCOUNTS

The District may create student accounts to access online web applications for educational purposes. Any account is for school/educational use only, and where possible, bound to the District's domain. By utilizing these accounts students are to abide by all of the District's applicable rules and use policies. Students may lose account privileges if they fail to comply. The District reserves the right to disable or modify account access if a student misuses the account or is caught in violation of District policy.

DISTRICT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The District reserves the right to monitor and block access by a District-issued device to any material or activity on the internet.
2. The District reserves the right to deny access to District technology to any individual.
3. The District reserves the right to revise and amend this policy at any time.
4. No warranties are made or given with respect to any service, any information, or any software contained within the internet.
5. Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed through District-issued devices by students, staff, information providers, service providers, or other third party personnel on the internet are those of the individual and do not represent the position of the District.
6. Students in grades 1-4 will be provided with Google Workspace for Education accounts without e-mail access. Students in grades 5-12 will be provided with Google Workspace for Education accounts with e-mail access. Although students generally will be supervised when using the Network on school property, it is not practicable for RSD to monitor students' use at all times. Parents are responsible for supervising student use of District-issued technology when the students are not on campus.

7. Illegal activities will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to use District technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. Students are responsible for proper use of District technology at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

All students are entitled to a high quality educational experience, free from discrimination or harassment based on actual or perceived color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, linguistic diversity, nationality status, neurodiversity, national origin, race, religious or spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation, size/body type, or socioeconomic status.

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. This includes, but is not limited to, bias incidents and symbols of hate, which are explicitly outlined in the District's *All Students Belong Policy*.
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying").
3. Knowingly or recklessly post false information about a person or organization.
4. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of themselves, another student, staff member, or other person for any reason, including the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person.
5. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights.
6. Plagiarize works that they find online, **including using an Artificial Intelligence third-party service or site (AI-generated content) as though it were their own.**
7. Intentionally disrupt, manipulate, or harm District technology, data, or operations (such as destroying District equipment, placing a virus on District computers, adding or removing a computer program or software without District permission, changing settings on shared computers, modifying data etc.).
8. Use District technology for commercial purposes.
9. Use District technology for political lobbying.

10. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or District practice.

PRIVACY

Since the use of District technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of District technology.

The District reserves the right to monitor and record all use of District technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from District technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution 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 and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any District technology are the sole property of the District. The creation or use of a password by a student on District technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

DISTRICT-OWNED DEVICES

Students may use a District-owned device from time to time at the District's discretion. Students shall adhere to school's expectations when using the District-owned device, including complying with the following guidelines:

1. Each District-owned device is to be used solely as an educational resource.
2. Students are expected to take reasonable precautions to protect District-owned devices and will be liable for repair or replacement costs incurred by the District as a result of loss or damage beyond normal wear-and-tear.
3. Students/parents are solely responsible for the care and security of the District-owned devices that students use.
4. Students may not remove or circumvent the management system installed on each District-owned device. This includes removing restrictions, "power washing," or "jailbreaking" the device.
5. Students may not change the pre-configured District-owned device's name, IP address, or other identifying information.
6. Students are expected to keep the administrator's settings on the District-owned device's current operating system and apps as set by the District.
7. Students must follow all other guidelines regarding the use of District-owned device as those guidelines may be developed and amended.

8. Students are expected to immediately report damage or loss of their equipment to a teacher or other staff member immediately.
9. Students may not loan District-owned device to any other person, for any reason. Students who do so may face disciplinary action.
10. The District reserves the right to demand immediate return of District-owned devices at any time.

PERSONALLY-OWNED DEVICES

If a student uses a personally-owned device to access District technology, they shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. 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 disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

REPORTING

If a student becomes aware of any security issue (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any account information) or misuse of District technology, they shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other District personnel.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION

Violations of the law, Board policy, 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 policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that by using District technology, I am agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and District policies and regulations governing the use of District technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using District technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As the parent/guardian of a District student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child must comply with the terms of this Acceptable Use Agreement in order to use

District technology. I give permission for my child to use District technology and/or to access the District 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 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.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Printed Name: _____ Grade: _____

School (circle one): RGS RHS

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____