



SANDRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT -ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Purpose of Technology Use

Sandridge School District provides technology resources to its students solely for educational purposes. Through technology, Sandridge School District provides access for students and staff to help from around the world. Expanding technologies take students and staff beyond the confines of the classroom, and offer tremendous opportunities for enhancing, extending, and rethinking the learning process. Providing these resources promotes educational excellence at Sandridge School District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication with the support and supervision of parents, teachers, and support staff.

The Opportunities and Risks of Technology Use

With access to computers and people worldwide comes the potential availability of material that may not be considered educational value in the school setting or that may be harmful or disruptive. Because network information is transitory and diverse, Sandridge School District can only partially predict or control what users may or may not locate. The Board of Education believes that the educational value of limited access to the information, interaction, and research capabilities that technology offers outweighs the possibility that users may obtain or encounter material inconsistent with the educational goals of the Sandridge School District.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Sandridge School District installs and operates filtering software to limit users' internet access to materials that are obscene, pornographic, harmful to children, or otherwise inappropriate, or disruptive to the educational process, notwithstanding that such software may in some instances block access to other materials as well. At the same time, Sandridge School District cannot guarantee that filtering software will, in all instances, successfully block access to materials deemed harmful, indecent, offensive, pornographic, or otherwise inappropriate. Filtering software does not negate or otherwise affect the obligations of users to abide by the terms of this policy and to refrain from accessing such inappropriate materials. Technology is only guaranteed error-free and dependable, and it is safe when used responsibly.

Among other matters, Sandridge School District is not liable or responsible for the following:

- Any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties.
- The accuracy or suitability of any information that is retrieved through technology.
- Breaches of confidentiality.
- Defamatory material; or
- The consequences that may come from failure to follow Sandridge School District policies or procedures governing the use of technology.

Privileges and Responsibilities

Sandridge School District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. Student users may access technology for only education purposes. The actions of student users accessing networks through Sandridge School District reflect on the district, therefore, student users must conduct themselves accordingly by exercising good judgment and complying with this policy and any accompanying administrative regulations and guidelines. Students are responsible for their behavior and communications using Sandridge School District computers and networks.

Student users of technology shall:

Comply with copyright laws and software licensing agreements. Understand that email and network files are not private. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and monitor responsible student use. **Respect** the privacy rights of others. Be responsible at all times for the proper use of technology, including the proper use of access privileges, complying with all required system security identification codes, and not sharing any codes or passwords. Maintain the integrity of technology resources from potentially damaging messages, physical abuse, or viruses; Abide by the policies and procedures of networks and systems linked by technology. Student users of technology shall not:

- Access, download, create, send or display offensive messages or pictures.
- Use harassing, offensive, obscene, or defamatory language.
- Harass or attack others.
- Vandalize or damage computer equipment, systems, networks, hardware, software, data, or programs;
- Knowingly spread computer viruses.
- Violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements;
- Use others' passwords or accounts;
- Misrepresent themselves or others;
- Trespass in others' folders, work, or files or gain unauthorized access to resources or entities;
- Reveal their personal address or phone number, or those of other users;
- Use Sandridge School District technology for non-school purposes or personal financial gain or to access or attempt to access restricted websites or other information unrelated to the curriculum and educational purposes of the school; and
- Use technology for any illegal purpose or activity.

Students may access the networks and technology resources only after submitting a signed Acceptable Use of Technology consent form in paper form or online. Parent or guardian permission is also required for minors.

Disciplinary Actions

Violations of this policy, or any administrative regulations and guidelines governing the use of technology, may result in disciplinary action, including loss of network access, loss of technology use, suspension or expulsion, or other appropriate disciplinary action. Violations of local, state, or federal law may subject students to prosecution by appropriate law enforcement authorities.

No Expectation of Privacy

Sandridge School District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. Users should not expect email or files stored on district servers to be private. Sandridge School District reserves the right to log technology use, monitor filespace utilization by users, and examine users' files and materials as needed and at its discretion. Users must recognize that there is no assurance of confidentiality concerning access to transmissions and files by persons outside or from persons inside the district.

Additional Rules/ Actions

The Superintendent/Principal or his/her designee may establish regulations and guidelines and shall take appropriate action to implement this policy.

Student Consent

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the school district will monitor my activity on the computer system. I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and regulations and agree to abide by these rules. I understand that violation of the policy or regulations may result in disciplinary action, including loss of technology use, suspension, or expulsion.

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parental Consent

I have read and understand Sandridge School District Acceptable Use Policy and regulations. In consideration for my child being able to use the district's electronic communications system and have access to the public networks, I, with this release the school district, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including without limitation the types of damage identified in the district's policy and administrative regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY USE

I have read this agreement and agree with the conditions of my child's use of the technology resources.

I release the district and its board members, agents, and employees, including its Internet Service Provider, from all liability related to my child's use or inability to use the technology resources.

I also indemnify the district and its board members, agents, and employees, including its Internet Service Provider, for any fees, expenses, or damages incurred as a result of my child's use or misuse of the district's technology resources.

I authorize the district to consent to the sharing of information about my child to website operators as necessary to enable my child to participate in any program, course, or assignment requiring such consent under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

I understand that data my child sends or receives over the technology resources is not private. I consent to having the district monitor and inspect my child's use of the technology resources, including any electronic communications that my child sends or receives through the technology resources.

I understand and agree that my child will not be able to use the district's technology resources until this agreement has been signed by both my child and me.

I have read this agreement and agree to the terms of the complete Sandridge School District 172 "Acceptable Use of Technology Policy" posted on the district website.

Printed Student Name: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____