

# MENIFEE CENTRAL

## TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION POLICY

### **CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES**

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In order to help prepare students for life in a digital world, the following are criteria and guidelines for technology use to which Meniffee Central School will adhere:

- The role of technology in classroom instruction will focus on ways to do work better and more efficiently, on synthesizing information and content, and on doing higher level work in collaborative, real-world ways.
- Students will be taught to use technology as a vehicle for creating work and producing products.
- Students will be taught to use critical evaluation of Internet sites used for research and study including but not limited to: currency/date, authorship and authority, accuracy/validity, objectivity or bias, and presence or absence of a copyright.
- Students will be taught the ethical practices, appropriate etiquette, and online safety including but not limited to interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.
- Teachers will be given technology professional development (PD) as indicated by annual needs assessments in order to work proficiently with students including teaching the skills and knowledge called for in this section.
- An Acceptable Use Policy/Form that is aligned to district technology policies and includes space for student and parent signatures will be developed and reviewed and updated, if necessary, each year.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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Students will adhere to all school and district rules and policies regarding the use of any and all electronic devices at school. Specific details about using electronic devices as well as consequences for misuse can be found in the Acceptable Use Policy/Form and also in the Parent/Student and Teachers' Handbooks.

### **ACCEPTABLE USE**

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Each year all students and parents will be required to sign and date an Acceptable Use Policy/Form in order to have access to school/district technology. This policy/form is attached and considered part of this Technology Utilization Policy adopted by the Meniffee Central School-Based Decision-Making Council.

### **POLICY EVALUATION**

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We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through school improvement planning process.

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