

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Santa Paula Unified School District (SPUSD) authorizes students to use technology, as defined in Board Policy 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology. 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 Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

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.

Each student who is authorized to use district technology and the student's parent/guardian shall sign this Agreement, which indicates that the student has read and understands the Agreement and Board Policy 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology.

SPUSD is committed to meeting the provisions established in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to protect the safety and privacy of minors. The district uses appropriate filtering technology to monitor and screen internet access, preventing exposure to harmful or inappropriate online content.

Student Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only, and in accordance with the accompanying board policy and applicable copyright laws. The student in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use 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.

Students shall not gain unauthorized access to the files or equipment of others, access electronic resources by using another person's name or electronic identification, or send anonymous electronic communications. Furthermore, students shall not attempt to access any data, documents, emails, or programs in the district's system for which they do not have authorization.

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

1. Violate Educational Use Standards

- District technology must be used exclusively for educational purposes and approved school activities
- Students may not access, store, or share inappropriate content, including material that is discriminatory, offensive, adult-oriented, or disruptive to learning
- District technology may not be used for commercial activities, political campaigns, or any activities that violate school policies or laws
- Cyberbullying, harassment, or any form of online misconduct is strictly prohibited
- Students must follow all age restrictions and teacher directions regarding technology use

2. Compromise Technology Security

- Personal information (including names, addresses, phone numbers, and photographs) must not be shared online without proper authorization
- Students may not attempt to bypass district security measures or access restricted content
- Modification of device settings, intentional damage to equipment, or unauthorized access to district systems is prohibited
- Students are prohibited from installing any software on district devices
- All software and applications must be approved and installed by district technology staff
- Students must promptly report any suspicious online activity or security concerns to school staff
- Students may not disclose private information about others with intent to harass, intimidate, or harm
- "Hacking" or attempting to manipulate district data or user information is prohibited

3. Ensure Appropriate Use of Artificial Intelligence

- Students may only use district-approved AI tools and technologies
- Use of AI for assignments requires explicit teacher authorization and proper citation

- Creating or sharing AI-generated content that impersonates others, spreads misinformation, or manipulates media is prohibited
- Students must maintain academic integrity when using AI tools and verify information through reliable sources
- Any concerning AI-related behavior must be reported to school staff immediately
- Students may not share confidential information with AI systems
- Privacy settings on AI tools may not be modified without staff permission

4. Protect Intellectual Property Rights

- All use of copyrighted material must include proper attribution and necessary permissions
- Unauthorized software or media that violates intellectual property rights may not be installed or distributed
- Students must demonstrate respect for others' digital work and maintain appropriate online communication
- Recording, photographing, or sharing online learning sessions requires explicit teacher permission
- Students must respect all forms of intellectual property including copyrights, trademarks, patents, and licenses

5. Maintain Virtual Learning Standards

Students participating in online education must:

- Follow all classroom rules and academic expectations during virtual sessions
- Maintain the confidentiality of virtual classroom access information
- Use only district-approved platforms and assigned student accounts while following teacher participation guidelines
- Refrain from recording or sharing any session content without permission

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, Internet searches, browsing history,

use of AI, 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.

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, and this 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 problem (including, but not limited to, a cyberattack, phishing, or 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 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 Acknowledgment

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.

Name: _____ Grade: _____
(Please print)

School: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must also read and sign the agreement.

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my child to use district technology and/or to access 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 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 my child's access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____