

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

A goal of Rockbridge County Public Schools is to promote technology excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Its desire to develop students who are globally aware, civically engaged, and capable of authentic learning requires the use of multiple technologies. The term technology includes, but is not limited to, computer hardware and software, data, communication lines and devices, terminals, printers, servers, mainframes, Chromebooks, interactive whiteboards/panels, personal technology devices, AI technologies, the internet, and any other internal or external network.

Technology Use-Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Acceptable Use.** Access to the Division's technologies shall be (1) for the purposes of education or research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the Division or (2) for legitimate school business.
- 2. Privilege.** The use of the Division's technology is a privilege, not a right.
- 3. Unacceptable Use.** Each user is responsible for his or her actions in regards to technology use. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:
 - o Using the network for any illegal or unauthorized activity, including violation of copyright or contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any federal, state, or local law.
 - o Sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading illegal material via any technology system.
 - o Unauthorized downloading of software, Apps, or passing off AI-generated material as original work.
 - o Using the computer system for private financial or commercial gain.
 - o Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
 - o Posting material created by another without his or her consent, attributions, or citations.
 - o Submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying obscene, profane, threatening, illegal, or other inappropriate material.
 - o Using technologies while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
 - o Vandalizing computers or any technology, including destroying data by creating or spreading viruses or by other means.
 - o Intimidating, harassing, or coercing others and threatening illegal or immoral acts.
- 4. Network Etiquette.** Each user is expected to abide by generally accepted rules of etiquette, including the following:
 - o Be polite.
 - o Users shall not forge, intercept or interfere with electronic messages.
 - o Use appropriate language. The use of obscene, lewd, profane, lascivious, threatening or disrespectful language is prohibited.
 - o Users shall not post personal information as defined in Policy JO Student Records about themselves or others.
 - o Users shall respect the technology system's resource limits.
 - o Users shall not post or download large files.
 - o Users shall not use technology to disrupt others.
 - o Users shall not modify or delete data owned by others.
- 5. Liability.** The School Board makes no warranties for the computer system it provides. The School Board shall not be responsible for any damages to the user from use of the technology, including loss of data, non-delivery or missed delivery of information, or service interruptions. The School Division denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through technologies. The user agrees to indemnify the School Board for any losses, costs, or damages incurred by the School Board relating to or arising out of any violation of these procedures.
- 6. Security.** Technology security is a high priority for the school division. If any user identifies a security problem, the user shall notify the building principal or system administrator immediately. All users shall keep their passwords confidential and shall follow computer virus protection procedures.
- 7. Electronic Mail.** The School Division's electronic mail system is owned and controlled by RCPS. RCPS may provide electronic mail to aid students and staff in fulfilling their duties and as an educational tool. Electronic mail is not private. Students' electronic mail will be monitored. The electronic mail of staff may be monitored and accessed by the School Division. Unauthorized access to an electronic mail account by any student or employee is prohibited. Users shall be held personally liable for the content of any electronic message they create. Downloading any file attached to an electronic message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file.
- 8. Enforcement.** Software will be installed on the division's computers with Internet access to filter or block internet access through such computers to child pornography and obscenity. The online activities of users may also be monitored manually.
Any violation of these regulations shall result in loss of computer system privileges and may also result in appropriate disciplinary action, as determined by School Board policy, or legal action.

RCPS TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Each student and his or her parent/guardian must sign this Agreement before being permitted to use any of the School Division's technology. Read this Agreement carefully before signing.

We will be using Google Chromebooks in our classrooms to access a suite of secure online applications called Google Apps for Education to develop collaboration, communication, and literacy skills, as well as math skills enhancement. Each student will be provided with a Google account and password to access these online tools within the secure Rockbridge County Public Schools Google Apps for Education domain. Additionally, RCPS will authorize the use of other third-party Apps. These accounts will be monitored by RCPS to ensure proper usage.

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Prior to signing this Agreement, read Policy GAB/IIBEA and Regulation GAB-R/IIBEA-R, Acceptable Computer System Use. If you have any questions about this policy or regulation, contact your supervisor or your student's principal.

I understand and agree to abide by the School Division's Acceptable Technology Use Policy and Regulation. I understand that the School Division may access and monitor my use of the computer system, including my use of the internet, e-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I violate the Acceptable Use Policy or Regulation, my technology privileges may be revoked and disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken against me.

School (Circle): NBES MVES CES FES MRMS RCHS

Student Grade Level (Circle): PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

I have read this Agreement, Policy GAB/IIBEA, and Regulation GAB-R/IIBEA-R. I understand that access to the computer system is intended for educational purposes, and the Rockbridge County School Division has taken precautions to eliminate inappropriate material. I also recognize, however, that it is impossible for the School Division to restrict access to all inappropriate material, and I will not hold the School Division responsible for information acquired on the computer system. I have discussed the terms of this agreement, policy, and regulation with my student.

I grant permission for my student to use the computer system in accordance with Rockbridge County School Division's policies and regulations and for the School Division to issue an account for my student. By signing this form, I am also giving permission for my student to use any Google or third-party apps that Rockbridge County Public Schools has deemed appropriate for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Please Print)