

Garvey School District

Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement

Student Name (Print) _____ School _____
Student Birthdate _____ Grade Level _____

Garvey School District (GSD or District) is pleased to offer students access to district computers, communications systems (email, web sites, smart phones, blogging, podcasting and/or other emerging technologies), the Internet and an array of technology resources to promote educational excellence and innovation. While using District and personal technology resources on or near school property, in school vehicles and buses, at school-sponsored activities, as well as using district technology resources via off-campus remote access, each student must act in an appropriate manner consistent with school, district, and legal guidelines. It is the joint responsibility of school personnel and the parent or guardian of each student to educate the student about his/her responsibilities and to establish expectations when using technology.

Access to GSD technology resources is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Prior to being allowed access to the Internet at school or through technology resources provided through GSD, students and their parents must sign the GSD Acceptable Use Consent Form acknowledging their responsibilities. Students must comply with GSD standards and honor this agreement to be permitted the use of GSD technology.

GSD technology resources are provided to students to conduct research, access curriculum resources, enhance parent involvement, complete assignments, and communicate with others in furtherance of their education. Access is a privilege, not a right; as such, general rules of school behavior apply. Just as students are responsible for good behavior in a classroom or on school grounds, they must also be responsible when using school computer networks or personal technologies.

If a student violates any of these rules, his/her use shall be terminated and future access may be denied. Disciplinary action may also result. If possible criminal activity is discovered; the proper law enforcement authorities will be notified. Disciplinary action for students shall be in accordance with existing discipline policies and may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with the laws of the State of California and GSD policy.

Students are authorized to use District equipment to access the Internet or other network services in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulations 6163.4 (a), and the user obligation and responsibilities specified below.

1. *The use of the district-provided technology equipment and resources is a privilege, not a right. No part of the computer system, including e-mail, personal files, data or programs shall be subject to any right of privacy. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and other disciplinary action.*
2. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
3. Students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using e-mail, chat rooms, or other forms of district electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.
4. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board Policy or Administrative Regulations.
5. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
6. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff. Cyber bullying is specifically prohibited. It shall be the student's responsibility to report the inappropriate use, web site, or communication to the student's teacher or other staff member.
7. Copyrighted materials shall be placed on the District's computer system only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.
8. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

9. Students shall not read other users' e-mail or files. They shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive e-mail, nor shall they attempt to delete, copy, modify, or forge other users' mail.
10. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teachers or principal.
11. Students shall not load personal software or programs on District computers nor shall they download programs from the Internet without the approval of their instructor.
12. Virtual and physical vandalism shall not be tolerated. Any intentional act by a student that damages or interferes with performance of District technology hardware, software, operating systems, communication systems, will be considered vandalism and will be subject to school discipline and/or appropriate criminal or civil action.
13. The use of GSD technology resources is not private; students should not expect that files stored on or transmitted via the District's resources will be confidential. All digital transmissions are subject to inspection and/or monitoring by District employees and other officials. Digital storage is GSD property, and as such, network administrators will review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using technology responsibly.
14. The use of District technology resources may involve the use of a password, network access code or other identifying or validating code. Such passwords and codes are to be protected as private information provided to the individual user for their sole purpose. Such passwords and codes shall not be disclosed by the student to others.

Consequences of Misuse and/or Violation of the Provisions of this Agreement

Misuse of personal or District and personal technology resources on or near school property, in school vehicles and buses, at school-sponsored activities, as well as using district technology resources via off-campus remote access, may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the schools of the District. This Agreement shall be used in conjunction with GSD Board of Education policies, California Education Code, and other local, state and federal laws and regulations governing the applicable matter.

Students, parents and guardians should recognize that the nature of the use of District technology resources extends outside of the school itself and into off-campus remote locations such as homes. The District's jurisdiction to enforce student behavior and discipline policies and rules shall apply whether the misuse or violation is at school or away from school as long as the District's technology resources are being used in the inappropriate behavior.

Limitation of Liability

Garvey School District shall not be responsible for any damages suffered by the student, including those arising from non-deliveries, misdeliveries, service interruptions, unauthorized use, loss of data, and exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people. Use of any information obtained via the Internet or communications technologies is at the student's own risk. Garvey School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. The District assumes no liability for personal technology, including computers, smart phones, network access devices, or other electronic signaling devices, if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. The student and his/her parent/guardian shall indemnify and hold Garvey School District harmless from any losses sustained as the result of use or misuse of the district's technology resources by the student, and/or the loss or damage of personal technology.

***Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement
Required Signatures***

Student: I have read the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement. If I do not follow the rules, I understand that I will not be allowed to use the technology resources or access the Internet/network services, and I may be subject to disciplinary action and/or legal actions.

Student Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

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Parent or Guardian Signature is also required below:

I have read the District's Acceptable Use Agreement. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's technology equipment and resources and providing access to the Internet, I hereby release the school district, its operators and any institutions with which they are affiliated from all claims and damages of any nature arising from non-deliveries, misdeliveries, service interruptions, unauthorized use, loss of data, and exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people arising from or connected to the use of GSD technology resources.

_____ **I give permission** for my child to use the technology resources/network services provided by the District.

Parent or Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this Acceptable Use Agreement to your child's school.