

JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 717
TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FORM

FORM I

Our goal in providing the use of technology (Internet, computers, network and other equipment) to staff and students is to promote educational excellence in the Jordan Public Schools by facilitating research, resource sharing, innovation, and communication. In making decisions regarding student and employee access to the school district computer system and the Internet, including electronic communications, the school district considers its own stated educational mission, goals and objectives. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to the preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the school district computer system and to the Internet enables students and employees to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. The school district expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the school district computer system and the Internet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in their use.

Students and employees are expected to use Internet access through the school system to further educational and personal goals consistent with the mission of the school district and school policies. The school district, however, cannot prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with the educational mission, goals, and policies of the school district. Outside of school, parents bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, and other possibly offensive media. Parents are responsible for monitoring their student's use of the school district system and of the Internet if the student is accessing the school district system from home or a remote location.

Rules for Technology Use:

1. Users will not use the school district system to access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, receive, transmit or distribute: pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions that are harmful to minors; obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language; materials that use language or images that are inappropriate in the education setting or disruptive to the educational process; information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption to the educational process; and materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.
2. Users will not use the school district system to knowingly or recklessly post, transmit, or distribute false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
3. Users will not use the school district system to engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state, or federal statute or law.
4. Users will not use the school district system to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software, or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means, will not tamper with, modify, or change the school district system software, hardware, or wiring or take any action to violate the school district's security system, and will not use the school district system in such a way as to disrupt the use of the system by other users.
5. Users will not use the school district system to gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information, or files without the implied or direct permission of that person.

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6. Users will not use the school district system to post private information about another person, personal contact information about themselves or other persons, or other personally identifiable information, including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes or passwords, labeled photographs, or other information that would make the individual's identity easily traceable, and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who send the message.
7. Users must keep all account information and passwords on file with the designated school district official. Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the school district system or any other system through the school district system, attempt to log in through another person's account, or use computer accounts, access codes, or network identification other than those assigned to the user. Messages and records on the school district system may not be encrypted without the permission of appropriate school authorities.
8. Users will not use the school district system to violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements, or otherwise to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize the works they find on the Internet.
9. Users will not use the school district system for conducting business, for unauthorized commercial purposes, or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the school district. Users will not use the school district system to offer or provide goods or services or for product advertisement. Users will not use the school district system to purchase goods or services for personal use without authorization from the appropriate school district official.
10. Users will not use the school district system to engage in bullying or cyberbullying in violation of the school district's Bullying Prohibition Policy. This prohibition includes using any technology or other electronic communication off school premises to the extent that student learning or the school environment is substantially and materially disrupted.

Possible consequences for misuse are:

Students or employees may be subject to disciplinary action for misuse, including, but not limited to, suspension or cancellation of the use or access to the school district computer system and the Internet; and discipline under other appropriate school district policies, including suspension, expulsion, exclusion, or termination of employment.

It is understood that the use of the school district system and access to use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Depending on the nature and degree of the violation and the number of previous violations, unacceptable use of the school district system or the Internet may result in one or more of the following consequences: suspension or cancellation of use or access privileges; payments for damages and repairs; discipline under other appropriate school district policies, including suspension, expulsion, exclusion or termination of employment; or civil or criminal liability under other applicable laws.

The Jordan Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or handicap in employment, educational programs, or activities.

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Jordan Public Schools are pleased to offer the staff and students access to the District's technology resources. To gain access to any technology, all students 18 years of age and under must obtain parental permission. A "Technology Acceptable Use Agreement" must be signed and returned to the school district before access to technologies will be granted. Students over the age of 18 may sign their own forms.

PARENT/S or GUARDIAN/S

I have read the Terms and Conditions for Technology Acceptable Use and I understand that the access is designed for educational purposes and the Jordan Public Schools have made access available for this purpose. I recognize that it is impossible for the Jordan Public Schools to completely restrict access to controversial material, and I will not hold them responsible for the materials this student may acquire through the use of these technologies. Furthermore, I understand that should my child commit any violation of the Terms and Conditions for Technology Acceptable Use, his/her access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action taken, and/or appropriate legal action initiated.

Parent/s or Guardian/s Name (print name here) _____

Parent/s or Guardian/s Signature _____

Date _____ Phone _____

STUDENT

I have read the Terms and Conditions for Technology Acceptable Use and agree to abide by the stated Terms and Conditions. I understand that if I commit any violation of the Terms and Conditions for Technology Acceptable Use, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action taken, and/or appropriate legal action initiated.

Student Name (print name here) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____ Grade _____

The Jordan Public School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services it is providing. The Jordan Public School System will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer, including loss of data. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet connection.