

Hydesville Elementary School District STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT

The internet and student use of computing devices provides students with access to a wide array of electronic information and communication resources. The Hydesville Elementary School District's ("District") goal in providing this service to students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and electronic communication. Students ("Users") who wish to use District-provided Chromebooks, other technology devices, and/or the internet at school must complete the "Student Technology Use Agreement" form on the back of this page. The form must be submitted annually.

The following terms and conditions shall be adhered to when using school computing devices or the Internet:

I. Acceptable Use – Students may be provided with computer access, tablets, and/or the internet for educational purposes. The internet is intended to be used in support of, and be consistent with, the educational standards and benchmarks of the District. Users will be provided access to the Internet in accordance with the District's Internet filtering and blocking measures. These measures are in place to avoid access to inappropriate material that is not consistent with the District's educational standards and benchmarks. Student access to internet services (such as web browsing) is provided under staff supervision.

Please be aware that using a computer to send or receive any material that is in violation of federal, state or school regulation is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material or material protected by trade secret and harassing material. Sending, receiving, or viewing material that is pornographic, obscene, libelous, slanderous, gang-related, or incites students and/or staff to: a) commit unlawful acts on school premises; b) violate lawful school regulations; or c) substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school, is prohibited and shall result in the termination of the User's technology devices and internet privileges and may result in further disciplinary action.

II. Privileges – The use of computer technology and the Internet is not a right but a privilege. Unacceptable use, as described above, shall result in the cancellation of those privileges. The District may close a User account at any time and demand technological devices provided by the District are returned to the District immediately or at the end of the school year. The District may revoke, suspend or deny computer and/or internet access to any User who is in violation of these terms and conditions.

III. Warranties – The District makes no guarantees of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the technology and services it is providing. The District is not responsible for any damage suffered or caused by a user and makes no guarantee of access to sites. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the District's negligence or User errors.. Use of any information obtained via the internet is at the User's own risk.

School electronic mail (email) is not private, and User acknowledges that he/she has no expectation of privacy in District-provided email accounts. Email messages related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

IV. Network Etiquette – Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted guidelines of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Do not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.
- Be polite and respectful.
- Student users shall not reveal to addressees their last names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers or any other personal information.
- Parent written permission is required before their children's photographs are placed online. All permission forms for new and existing web pages must be on file at the site.
- Student users will not agree to meet with someone they have met online without their parents' express permission.
- Users shall obey the copyright laws, including that copyrighted material may not be reproduced without the copyright holder's permission.
- Users shall not send or respond to "chain letters" or other similar "broadcast" messages that are not related to an educational purpose.
- Users may not disrupt the use of technology by other users.

V. Security – Security on any computer system is a high priority. If the user identifies a security problem, the user shall notify the teacher or principal. The user will not show or identify a security problem to others. Users may not use another individual's network account for any reason. Attempts to log-in to any network device using another person's network account or attempts to log-in as the system administrator shall result in cancellation of user privileges and possible disciplinary action. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access. In addition to the prohibition on unauthorized access to another user's account, Users have a responsibility to assist in maintaining the security of the network. Users shall heed the following guidelines:

- Report security problems to the teacher or principal.
- Users must protect their network identification and password. Users should change their password periodically.
- Users shall not post or broadcast anonymous messages.
- Users will avoid inadvertent spread of computer viruses by utilizing virus protection procedures as provided by the District.

VI. Vandalism / Harassment / Discrimination / Illegal Activities / Bullying – Vandalism, harassment, discrimination, and/or illegal activities will result in the cancellation of internet and/or technology use privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or network, including so called "hacking." Vandalism and other illegal activities include, but are not limited to, the creation or uploading of computer worms and viruses, attempts to gain unauthorized access to any computer system (or attempts to go beyond User's authorized access), the defacement of web sites, or attempts to deny network services to other users (denial of service attacks). Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user or the interference in another user's work. This includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted email or posting unwanted messages on electronic message boards, etc. Bullying is defined by Education Code 48900 (r) and further discussed in Board policy and regulation. Targeting a student for harassment on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, will not be tolerated.

VII. Penalties – Any user violating these terms and conditions or any applicable state and/or federal laws is subject to loss of technology privileges and any other disciplinary options in accordance with Board and school discipline policies. When deemed necessary, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

If a Chromebook or other device such as a tablet, e-reader, or desktop computer, is purposely damaged or damaged through carelessness, the student/parent/guardian will be responsible for the full replacement cost of a Chromebook (approximately \$300), and the replacement cost of other devices, to be determined at the time of the incident. The School regards the Chromebook and other devices the same as all other materials that are checked out to a student (e.g. library materials, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc.).

If a student commits vandalism, harassment, and/or bullying that constitutes a violation of Education Code sections 48900 et seq., the student may be subject to disciplinary action for such acts, in accordance with existing policies and the Education Code.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the **Student Technology Use Agreement**. I understand that this access and use of a Chromebook or other device is designed for educational purposes and the Humboldt County Office of Education and the District have taken reasonable precautions to eliminate access to controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the Humboldt County Office of Education and the District to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired by my child while using District technology. I hereby give my permission for my child to have access to the internet and District-provided technology devices. I agree to abide by all conditions for the use of technology at Hydesville Elementary School.

Parent/Guardian (please print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date: ____/____/____

STUDENT

I have read and understand the **Student Technology Use Agreement** and agree to abide by the terms and the spirit of the policy.

Student (please print) Student Signature Date: ____/____/____

SCHOOL WEBSITE PERMISSION REQUEST In addition to the **Student Technology Use Agreement**, the District has established a school website. A variety of school information is included on this website, and occasionally the school or classes highlight student work. The District may release directory information in accord with its policies and its annual parent/guardian notifications. As the parent or guardian of this student, I give my permission for my child's photograph, pictures, art, and writings to be shared on the District's website. I understand that no last names of students will be used on any of these pictures or writings. I also understand that the District has no control over how website material may be used by the general public. In giving this consent we understand that the school's website is available to the public virtually without limit. We understand that we will receive no monetary compensation from the Hydesville Elementary School District from distribution of these photos, materials or publications.

Parent or Guardian (please print) Parent / Guardian Signature Date: ____/____/____