

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENT USE OF INTERNET

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The RUSD is pleased to offer students access to District computers, communications systems (email, websites, smartphones, 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 of each student to educate the student about their responsibilities and to establish expectations when using technology.

Access to RUSD 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 RUSD, students and their parents must sign the RUSD Acceptable Use Consent Form acknowledging their responsibilities. Students must comply with RUSD standards and honor this agreement to be permitted the use of RUSD technology. RUSD has developed a K-12 Digital Citizenship curriculum that addresses appropriate online behavior when accessing social networking sites and chat rooms. The curriculum also raises awareness of, and response to, cyberbullying.

RUSD 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, their use will 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 must be in accordance with existing discipline policies and may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with the laws of the State of California and RUSD policy.

1. RUSD technology resources must only be used to access educational information and to promote learning activities both at school and home, including the facilitation of communication between the home and school.
2. RUSD promotes the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications through a variety of domain measures.
3. Students may not load personal software or programs on District computers, nor may they download programs from the Internet without the approval of their instructor.
4. Virtual and physical vandalism will not be tolerated. Any intentional act by a student that damages or interferes with the 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.
5. Not all access to the Internet can be supervised. Students agree not to send, access, submit, publish, display, or print over the Internet or RUSD network, or using RUSD technology resources, any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. Cyberbullying is specifically prohibited. It is the student's responsibility to report the inappropriate use, web site, or communication to the student's teacher or other staff member.
6. Although the District uses a software filter to block known inappropriate websites and prohibit access to harmful materials accessed from a District network, the filtering technology is not perfect and therefore may in effect both interfere with legitimate educational purposes and allow some objectionable material

to be viewed. The District filter also alerts staff when students are accessing content that could be related to harming oneself. This information can be used to provide additional services for the student, as necessary. Riverside USD 2021-2022 Annual Notification I 52

7. The use of RUSD 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 RUSD property, and as such, network administrators will review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using technology responsibly.
8. RUSD denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained from the Internet or on-line resources.
9. RUSD makes no warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, for the technology resources it provides to students.
10. Copyright ©, Trademark ™ and/or Registered ® laws must be adhered to at all times. All materials from the Internet and other digital resources, including graphics, which are used in student projects or reports, must be properly cited. Copyrighted, Trademarked or Registered materials may not be placed on the Internet without the permission of the author.
11. Students must not post or transmit their own or other's personal information such as home addresses, telephone numbers, last names, photos, or other personal identifying information.
12. 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.
13. Students must not use District technology resources to conduct for-profit business activities or to engage in religious activities. Students must not use District technology resources for advertising, promotion commercial purposes or similar objectives, including the purchase of any items or services.
14. Students may bring personal technology, including computers, smart phones, network access devices, or other electronic signaling devices to school provided that such technology is used for instructional purposes. Students must abide by the instructions provided by teachers and other school staff in the use of such personal technologies. Access to the Internet or other District communication systems from personal technology is limited to wireless access points on the school campuses or other access devices away from school. Access to the Internet or other District communication systems from personal technology is not available via hardwire connections.