

Network Acceptable Use Policy

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Purpose:

Schools provides technology resources for student use: 1) to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication; 2) to prepare for success in life and work by providing students with knowledge and skills regarding the safe and appropriate use of technology resources; and 3) to create digital citizens who are able to make good use of technology wherever they are.

Learning is enhanced through technology's endless possibilities. Students and teachers have opportunities to gather information, communicate with people all over the world, and create their own products. The District provides students and staff with technology services. These services include the use of computers, servers, other technology equipment, and the Internet.

Privilege:

The use of technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of suspension or expulsion), and/or referral to legal authorities. The principal, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator may limit, suspend, or revoke access to technology resources at any time.

Filtering and Monitoring:

Some sites on the Internet may contain offensive material. Even though it is impossible to have control over all of the information on the Internet, the District has in place several ways to prevent access to inappropriate materials and to provide for a positive, productive educational experience. Communications on the Internet are public in nature and files stored on the Internet should not be assumed to be private.

The District:

- ❖ Attempts to filter out inappropriate material.
- ❖ Supervises and monitors students.
- ❖ Provides students with the understanding and skills needed to use technology in an appropriate manner.
- ❖ Parents/guardians may signify below that their student not participate in the use of the MVSD Internet.

Acceptable Use of Technology:

- ❖ Technology is designed to be used as a tool to assist with the instructional objectives of the District.
- ❖ Students and staff shall use technology efficiently and in a timely manner so as not to tie up equipment for others' use.
- ❖ Users of the District's technology systems are responsible for the security of those users' passwords.

Prohibited uses of the Technology include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ “Inappropriate material” includes, but is not limited to: design or detailed information pertaining to explosive devices, criminal activities or terrorist acts; pornography; gambling; illegal solicitation; stolen materials; information used to cheat on school assignments or tests; commercial activities including product advertisement; political lobbying, including lobbying for student body office; online games (unless approved by supervising teacher as educational activity); illegal copies of copyrighted work; spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
- ❖ Encouraging the use of or promoting the sale of controlled substances or drugs.
- ❖ Any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the network, any technology equipment, or any of the agencies or other computer network services that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses and worms.
- ❖ Any attempt to sell or offer for sale any goods or services that could be construed as a commercial enterprise, unless approved by the Board or their designee.
- ❖ Redistributing a copyrighted program or copyrighted material without the express written permission of the owner or authorized person or as provided by the fair use exception. This includes uploading and downloading of materials.
- ❖ Invading the privacy of individuals, revealing personal information of others or themselves, such as home address, or phone number.
- ❖ Logging in to the system using another user's account or password.
- ❖ Leaving an account open or unattended.
- ❖ Violating any local, state, or federal regulation or statute.
- ❖ Altering computer equipment as set up by the system administrator.

District Rights and Responsibilities:

- ❖ The District reserves the right to monitor all activity on the Internet.
- ❖ The District reserves the right to block any material on the Internet.
- ❖ The District reserves the right to deny access to technology to any individual.
- ❖ Security on the network is a high priority. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that will maximize system security.
- ❖ No warranties are made or given with respect to any service, any information, or any software contained within the Internet.
- ❖ Opinions, advice, services and all other information expressed by students, staff, information providers, service providers, or other third party personnel on the Internet provided by the District are those of the individual and do not necessarily represent the position of the District.
- ❖ Accounts which are inactive for more than 90 days may be removed by the District along with the user's files without prior notice.
- ❖ District staff is responsible for supervising student use of technology.

Discipline:

- ❖ Student discipline will be addressed using our discipline policies.
- ❖ Staff discipline may involve actions up to and including termination.
- ❖ Perpetrators or their parents/guardians may be billed for damages to equipment.
- ❖ Illegal activities will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Report Violations:

Students must report all security concerns, inappropriate activities, or misuse of MVSD technology resources immediately to the principal, teacher/supervisor, or systems administrator. This includes the receipt of messages relating to or in support of illegal activities or that may be threatening or upsetting.

Agreement and Responsibility:

Each student and his/her parent or guardian must acknowledge receipt of the information contained in this Agreement by means of a traditional hard-copy signature.

The combined signatures indicate the student and parent/guardian have carefully read, understand, and agree to follow the terms and conditions of appropriate use.

STUDENT: I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and agree to comply with the conditions of acceptable use and to report any misuse of MVSD technology resources to the appropriate teacher or administrator. I understand any violations of the above provisions may result in the loss of use of MVSD technology resources and may result in further disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension or expulsion, and/or referral to legal authorities.

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: As the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand the terms and conditions of use which my student must follow. I also understand that Internet services provided by MVSD are filtered and that the use of MVSD technology resources may be monitored. I understand my child may be disciplined for inappropriate or unacceptable use of MVSD technology resources.

(Please indicate permission below.)

My student **may use** MVSD technology _____

My student **may not use** MVSD technology _____

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____