

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District

Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement for Students

Grades PreK – 2

Parent Information

Introduction - La Mesa-Spring Valley School District believes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop the technology and communication skills that are necessary to support their future success. Therefore, we believe all students should have access to technology tools when they act in a safe, responsible, courteous and legal manner. The District Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement outlines the guidelines and behavior that students are expected to follow when using school technologies or when using personally owned devices on the school campus. If you do not want your child to use particular District/school technologies that are available, please notify the school in writing.

- The La Mesa-Spring Valley School District network is intended for educational purposes.
- All activity over the network or while using district technologies will be monitored and may be retained.
- Access to online content via the network is restricted through filtering in accordance with our policies and federal regulations, such as the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- Students are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline.
- Misuse of school resources can result in disciplinary action.
- La Mesa-Spring Valley School District makes a reasonable effort to ensure students’ safety and security online, but will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from use of school technologies.
- Student users of the district network or other technologies are expected to alert school staff immediately of any concerns for safety or security.
- La Mesa-Spring Valley School District will not be held accountable for any harm or damages resulting from student violations of copyright restrictions or user mistakes or negligence.

Technologies Covered - La Mesa-Spring Valley may provide Internet access, desktop computers, mobile computers, handheld devices, videoconferencing capabilities, online collaboration capabilities, message boards, email, and more. Teachers and students may be using newer Web tools such as blogs, wikis, podcasts, and videocasts. These technologies improve student communication and collaboration skills, provide a real audience, and extend learning beyond the classroom walls while building digital citizenship skills. As new technologies emerge, La Mesa-Spring Valley will attempt to provide access to them. The policies outlined in this document are intended to cover *all* available technologies, not just those specifically listed.

Limitation of Liability - La Mesa-Spring Valley School District will not be responsible for damage or harm to persons, files, data, or hardware. While La Mesa-Spring Valley School District employs filtering and other safety and security mechanisms, and attempts to ensure their proper function, it makes no guarantees as to their effectiveness. La Mesa-Spring Valley School District will not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for unauthorized transactions conducted over the school network, for copyright violations, or any harm or damages resulting from user mistakes or negligence, or from the willful violation of this agreement.

Guidelines for Students

- Technology tools are in the classroom to help you learn. Use them safely and carefully. Ask for help when you need it.
- Your teacher may allow you to send a message to her or a friend in the classroom using a computer or iPod. You should always write messages that are polite and use language that is appropriate. Never send a message to someone on the Internet unless your parent or teacher knows about it.
- You are expected to treat all technology very, very carefully. If it isn't working, be sure to tell your teacher.
- You should never share personal information on the Internet without permission from your parent or teacher. This includes your phone number, your school, your address, and your birthday.
- If you ever see anything on the Internet that makes you uncomfortable or feel unsafe, be sure to tell your parent or teacher right away.
- Cyber bullying is when people are mean and use technology to hurt, frighten and bully other people. Cyber bullying is not OK. Never send a mean message or picture to scare or hurt someone. You can get into serious trouble for using technology to bully other people. If you ever see a message or picture that looks or feels like bullying, tell a parent or teacher right away.

Terms of Agreement

- ✓ I will use school technology for learning and only work on the programs and apps that my teacher tells me to use.
- ✓ I will treat everyone nicely when I'm using technology.
- ✓ I will treat technology carefully.
- ✓ I will not share my passwords with another person
- ✓ I will not harm other people or their work.
- ✓ I will tell an adult right away if I see anything that breaks these rules.
- ✓ I will not use technology to be mean and hurt, frighten or bully anyone.
- ✓ I will act safely by never sharing personal information on the Internet.
- ✓ I will not send messages to someone I don't know.
- ✓ I understand that if I break any of these rules, I could get a consequence and might not be able to use the technology any more.

When the rules get broken

If you break any of these rules, you can get into serious trouble. These things could happen:

- You might not be able to use the technology for a period of time
- Your parents could be called
- You could get detention at school
- You could be suspended from school

Detach this page and return it to school

Parent Permission/Agreement

I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and have discussed it with my child. By signing this form, I give permission for my child to access the Internet at school unless otherwise noted below.

Student Name (Print) _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date Signed _____

If you Do NOT want your child to access the Internet at school, please make a notation below:

Student Agreement

(Students will receive instruction at school regarding the contents of this Agreement)

I understand, and I agree to follow the rules of this La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement. I understand that if I break the rules I may not be able to use the technology, and I may get other consequences.

I will sign my name to show that I will follow these rules.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date Signed _____

Please return this signed form to your child's school. Parent Signature is required; however students may wait to sign the form until they have received instruction at school.