

Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Rockford Lutheran School

Part of the Mission of Rockford Lutheran School is to ensure that all students develop technology skills for life-long learning. Student Internet and technology use within our schools is for educational purposes only. In addition, students are expected to be good digital citizens and follow these guidelines for acceptable use of the Internet.

Students:

- I will use technology resources in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. I will use technology resources only for school-related purposes.
- I will not access, modify, or destroy other user's data. I will not knowingly spread a computer virus, impersonate another user, violate copyright laws, install or use unauthorized software, damage or destroy resources, or intentionally offend, harass, or intimidate others.
- I will access the Internet only under appropriate supervision. I will only view sites that directly pertain to a school-related assignment. I will not use school technology resources to create, distribute, download, or view obscene, illegal, or inappropriate content.
- I will not plagiarize from the Internet.
- I will immediately inform a staff member if I encounter material that is obscene, illegal, inappropriate, offensive, or otherwise makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I will not use technology resources to engage in any commercial activity including the purchase of goods and services. I will not give out personal information (full name, address, telephone number).
- I will use electronic mail responsibly and only through an authorized class account. I will not create, distribute or forward chain letters, offensive messages, harassing messages, or messages that contain false information. I will distribute copyrighted material only if I have the owner's written permission.
- I will not give out my password.
- I will not monopolize technology resources or use printing excessively.
- I will immediately notify a staff member or school administrator if I am the subject of harassment while using technology resources or if I witness inappropriate use of technology resources.

Parents:

- Students will be issued an individual account through Google Apps for Education. The administration will maintain security of the password and teachers will directly supervise individual student use of the account. Students will only use their first name and last initial on their email to maintain anonymity.
- In addition, because the Internet can help teachers and students foster connections with people in the community and around the world, video conferencing may be used in our school for benefits including expanding the learning that occurs in the classroom. Utilizing these modes of communication -- voice, text and video -- also provide students with the opportunity to experience learning through different media.

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- Also, Rockford Lutheran (administration, teachers, staff) may include photographs, videos, and occasionally presentations for other educators or for promotion of our schools. Any student and/or their school work will be identified by first name only. No last names will be mentioned.

Consequences of Violations

- Suspension of Internet access
- Revocation of Internet access
- Suspension of Network privileges
- Revocation of Network privileges
- Suspension of computer access
- Revocation of computer access
- School suspension
- School expulsion
- Financial responsibility for replacing intentionally damaged software or hardware;
- Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

We have read, understand and agree to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy.

Please sign below:

STUDENT GRADE: _____

PRINTED STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
Signature

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
Signature