

Silver Valley Unified School District
Student Use of Technology Agreement

***Please read this User Agreement in its entirety, sign the
STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT.
Thank you!***

The Silver Valley Unified School District recognizes the value of computers and technology to improve student learning. This Student Use of Technology Agreement has been developed to promote educational excellence, innovation, and communication for students and staff and applies to the District Network, which includes District-provided applications and Internet or Wireless (“Wi-Fi”) access. Personally Owned Devices, as defined in the District’s Board Policy BP 6163.44 (regarding Personally Owned Devices), may be used in accordance with BP 6163.4 and, to the extent there is use of the District Network.

The “District Network” comprises computer systems, networks, and hardware and software including, but not limited to: Wi-Fi or Internet access; Internet or District-server based applications (e.g., Google Apps), databases, or tools; telephones, cell phones, and voice mail technologies; email accounts; servers; computer hardware and peripherals; software including operating system software and application software; digitized information including stored text, data files, email, digital images, and video/audio files; and new technologies as they become available. Students will also be offered a Silver Valley Google account to help with their school work.

This Agreement serves to educate District students and to set standards that protect the District and its students. **Parents: Please help us teach your children to properly use technology and the District Network by reviewing and discussing this Agreement, and by encouraging them to follow, at all times, the Student Access and Use expectations outlined in this Agreement.**

No Expectation of Privacy

Use of the District Network is not private. Authorized employees monitor the District Network to ensure uses are secure and in conformity with District policies. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the District Network to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. Administrators may use information about District Network use in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement. Personally Owned Devices that access the District Network may also be inspected and confiscated if a violation of Board Policy or Administrative Regulation 6163.4, or this Agreement is suspected to have occurred.

Student Access and Use

In general, access to the District Network is provided to all District students. Each District computer with Internet access has filtering software that blocks access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, or inappropriate for students, or harmful to minors, as defined by state and federal law. The District makes every effort to limit access to objectionable material; however, even with filtering in place, there is a risk that students may access materials that are objectionable or have no educational value. Although staff may supervise and monitor student Internet use, each student must accept personal responsibility for the appropriate use of resources available through the District Network.

The District Network is provided for educational purposes and for the advancement of the District’s goals. Access to the District Network is at the discretion of the District, and the District reserves the right to determine which uses are acceptable and unacceptable. The District may block, suspend, or terminate access or use at any time for: violation of this Agreement; actions that may lead to liability for the District; disruptions; or suspected violations of applicable laws or regulations. If a student has any doubt about

whether a contemplated activity is acceptable or unacceptable, the student should consult a teacher, supervisor, or administrator.

Acceptable Uses. To maintain the privilege of using the District Network, each student must access the District Network only for purposes authorized by District instructors and/or site rules. Acceptable Uses of the District Network preserve privacy, maintain security, protect intellectual property, and respect the community and include, among other things:

1. Using only accounts assigned to the individual student.
2. Viewing or using only passwords, data, drives, or networks the student is authorized to access.
3. Observing all District Internet filters and posted network security practices.
4. Reporting security risks or violations of this Agreement to a teacher or network administrator.
5. Immediately notifying a staff member or administrator of computer or network malfunctions.
6. Following copyright laws (not making illegal copies of music, pictures, images, videos, games, software, apps, files or movies).
7. Citing sources when using others' work (not plagiarizing).
8. Communicating in ways that are kind and respectful.
9. Reporting threatening or offensive materials to a teacher or administrator.
10. Exercising generally accepted rules of network etiquette when using the District Network, such as being polite and using appropriate language.

Unacceptable Uses: Use of the District Network for the following activities is unacceptable and prohibited:

1. Distributing private information about others or about the student him or herself. For example, student home addresses and telephone numbers should not be revealed to others when using the Internet.
2. Sharing passwords with others, including other students.
3. Using the District Network, which includes applications like Google Apps, for personal communications and social networking.
4. Posting photographs of students, or teachers on the internet without permission or proper release.
5. Without clear permission, accessing, destroying or damaging data, equipment, networks, or other resources. For example, hacking, uploading, downloading or creating computer viruses, and altering, disabling, or attempting to circumvent security systems are prohibited.
6. Installing, removing, or modifying equipment on the District Network.
7. Causing network congestion or consuming excess electronic storage.
8. Accessing, transmitting, copying, creating, posting or uploading material that: violates the school's standards for student behavior (such as messages and content that are dishonest, plagiarism, pornographic, obscene, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, intimidating, or bullying) or that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, impersonating another person for harmful purposes, or violating copyrights). The District will notify and fully cooperate with law enforcement if it becomes aware of any illegal use of the District Network.
9. Sending unsolicited bulk and/or commercial messages through the District Network. For example, buying, selling, advertising, or otherwise conducting business, unless approved as a school project, is prohibited.
10. Using the District Network in violation of local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
11. Using the District Network in violation of any Board Policy including, but not limited to, Information Security, Acceptable Use Policies for Students and Staff, Code of Ethics, and the "IT User Standards and Guidelines".

Violations of Agreement: The principal or designee will make all decisions regarding whether a student has violated this Agreement. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final. Violations of this Agreement may result in the loss of privileges to use the District Network or personal devices at a District site; disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion; and criminal and/or civil legal action.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

By signing below, I acknowledge and understand that if I violate the District's Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement, my use privileges may be taken away, my parent/guardian may be notified, and I may be subject to student discipline.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I have read the District's Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement, discussed the information in the Agreement with my student, and agree to its provisions. As indicated below, I also consent to the District providing my student with the following:

Access to the District Network.

I understand that use of the District Network is not private. I further understand and agree that my student is responsible for using the District Network in accordance with this Agreement.

Internet Access.

I understand that, when using the Internet, students may access material that I might consider controversial or offensive and that my student is responsible for observing all filters and security practices. The District has my permission to give an Internet account and Internet access to my student.

Google Student Account.

I agree that the District may provide my student with a Google Student Account and access to various Google Apps, which are to be used for educational purposes.

In consideration of the above, I agree to not hold the District or any District staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or users' mistakes or negligence. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District and District personnel for any damages or costs incurred. I understand that the principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether a student has violated this Agreement.