

# ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT

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### **Intent of district provided technology**

The School District of Springfield R-12 (“District”) provides all students a district issued computing device. The intent of providing this technology is to provide students modern learning tools to enhance the learning opportunities and environment. Students may have access to additional technology opportunities as part of the educational programming offered.

### **Student use of internet applications and educational technology**

Students are required to use various applications throughout the school day. These could include various websites, browser extensions, and educational technology tools. Some of these require student accounts and logins, while others do not. The District is committed to complying with Federal laws governing student safety and privacy while online. These Federal laws include the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

In order for the District to provide your student with the most effective web-based tools for learning, we shall abide by Federal COPPA Regulations that require parental permission. Our District utilizes several computer and web-based apps and services operated not by the District, but by third parties. These parties include: Google Workspace for Education, and other similar educational programs and apps which are listed on our instance of the Learn Platform <https://sps.app.learnplatform.com/new/public>. This platform is where we actively maintain the currently approved list that have met with both our SPS standards and federal guidelines such as COPPA, and FERPA.

In order for students to use some of these programs and services, basic personal identifying information, including student’s name, user name, and email address must be provided to the website operator. In many of these cases, access to these websites and resources is provided through a teacher account, and is monitored by the teacher using the resource.

### **District provided internet access**

The District will provide students access to the Internet in multiple ways. The District educational network will provide filtered internet access while on school premises. All District Chromebooks are filtered regardless of network. The District will make available filtered Internet hotspots to under-resourced students as part of the Access for All program.

The District uses Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliant filtering technology to provide a safe and secure learning environment. To provide opportunities for students to explore personal learning opportunities offered by complete access to the Internet, it is impossible to filter all inappropriate content. Students and parents are warned that users may, either intentionally or unintentionally, access textual, graphic, and/or auditory information which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, and otherwise offensive to the user or others. Access to the above material is strictly prohibited.

### **Student and parental device responsibilities**

A district issued computing device will be provided to all students. Students and parents are responsible for the care of this device upon issuance until collection. Damage to this device will result in charges to the student in accordance with Board approved student fees.

District issued computing devices may be taken home at the discretion of the student’s building staff. Devices taken home are expected to be returned to school fully charged and ready to be used in the learning environment. Parents have the option of requesting their student’s district issued computing device remain at the school building.

District issued computing devices are district property. As such, use of district issued computing devices, even off school premises, still fall under the acceptable technology usage agreement. District issued computing devices are filtered and internet activity tracked using CIPA compliant filtering software. Inappropriate use of a district issued computing device off school premises may result in disciplinary action as specified in the Springfield School District Student Handbook.

Your signature on this AUP Agreement constitutes your consent for the District to provide limited personal identifying information for your child consisting of first name, last name, email address, student ID number, and user name to the following educational web-operators: Google Apps for Education, and the operators of additional web-based educational programs which the District may deem necessary during the upcoming academic school year. A listing of the websites and apps approved for use by the District, along with links to the privacy policy for each can be found online in the LearnPlatform, <https://sps.app.learnplatform.com/new/public>.

**Student behavior guidelines**

1. Users shall not access, view, transfer, or store any material in any form which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to others;
2. Users who unintentionally access such material shall immediately terminate such access;
3. Users shall not harass, insult, or attack others;
4. Users shall not damage computers, computer systems, computer networks, or computer data;
5. Users shall not use another user’s login;
6. Users shall not trespass in the folders, work, files, or data of others;
7. Users shall not intentionally waste user time and resources;
8. Users shall not use Internet access for any commercial activity;
9. Users shall not use Internet access for political lobbying;
10. Users shall abide by all federal, state, or local laws;
11. Users shall not enter into non-educational chat rooms on the Internet;
12. Users shall act as good digital citizens and comply with district expectations.

**Internet Access Waiver**

I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named below (“Student”). Permission is NOT granted for my student to have the District default filtered access to the internet. The waiver excludes district online curriculum, related district approved curriculum tools, required state online assessments and required district online assessments. These exclusions include Google Workspace for Education and approved applications found in the Learn Platform, <https://sps.app.learnplatform.com/new/public>. Additional resources may be added as district curricular resources and mandated assessments change.

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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Name of Student (print)

Grade level of student