

# Calhoun County Public Schools

## Department of Technology

### Student Acceptable Use Policy

Computer use in Calhoun County Public Schools serves the purpose of allowing students, faculty, and staff improved communication, access to research, and the use of innovative instructional tools. In order to insure proper operation of the tools and devices provided by the district, the following policies and procedures must be followed.

1. The following excerpt from Calhoun County Public Schools Board Policy FILE: IJNDB-E(2), which refers to the Use of Technology Resources in Instruction, should be followed:
  - to use the Internet and devices in support of education and research, consistent with the educational objectives of Calhoun County Public Schools
  - to be considerate of others and use appropriate language for school situations as indicated by the school code of conduct
  - to not knowingly degrade or disrupt network services or equipment, as such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law; this includes, but is not limited to, tampering with computer hardware or software, vandalizing data, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted (Jailbreak, root kits, etc.) or unauthorized services (social media, peer-to-peer file sharing, etc.), or violating copyright laws
  - to immediately report any problems or breaches of these responsibilities to a responsible teacher
  - not to divulge Personal Identifiable Information (PII) over the Internet
2. Software should only be installed on a device by District Technology Personnel. Software will only be installed, if it has academic instructional value or will work to improve the integrity/performance of the device.
3. I will use technology in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of South Carolina:
  - Criminal acts – These include, but not limited to, “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, harassing email, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems.
  - Libel laws – Publicly defaming people through the published material on the internet, email, etc.
  - Copyright violations – Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the internet are protected by copyright) engaging in plagiarism.
4. If I choose to use social media:
  - I understand my professional career also includes my digital reputation
  - I understand all online actions leave a permanent record and remain online, even if deleted.
  - I will adhere to FERPA and copyright regulations when posting student activities.
  - I will refrain from posting student photos/videos on my personal social media accounts.

I understand and will abide by the above Acceptable Use Policy. Should I commit a violation, I understand that the consequences of my actions could include suspension of computer privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement.

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Student or Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Name (print)

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Location