



Student Acceptable Use Agreement

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHSD) strongly believes in the educational value of technology and recognizes its potential to support and enhance curriculum. These technologies, when properly used, promote educational excellence in the District by facilitating learning, resource sharing, innovation, collaboration, and communication. The District authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary for instructional purposes. The use of District Technology is a privilege, permitted at the district's discretion, and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

Student Expectations

The District expects all students to use technology responsibly and for educational purposes to avoid potential problems and liability. Inappropriate use of District technologies may expose the District, students, and staff to various risks, including ransomware and virus attacks, compromise of network systems and services, and unsafe sharing of private information. The District may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system. Each student and their parent/guardian shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication they have read and understand the agreement.

Definitions

District Technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology, and use of District-provided devices or the network to access the internet, online learning platforms, online conferencing platforms, hotspots, email, USB drives, wireless access points, tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Equipment

All SMJUHSD students are issued a District owned laptop computer and charging cable upon enrollment in the district. Students are expected to maintain their district owned laptop computer and charging

cable for their duration of their enrollment with SMJUHSD. Students may also utilize other district owned technology equipment, including but not limited to desktop computers and tablets.

Network and Accounts

All SMJUHSD students are provided with a network account, giving access to the SMJUHSD network, which includes access to email, the internet, and educational platforms and software. Student network accounts are in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) through the use of filtering software.

Student Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are expected to use District technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. The student in whose name District technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned network account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned. Students are prohibited from using District technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

- Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive.
- Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals.
- Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person.
- Create personal accounts with companies or organizations (such as email accounts, social media accounts, software accounts, etc.) without prior authorization from a District teacher or staff member.
- Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights.
- Participate in unauthorized collaboration with students, non-students, and artificial intelligence.
- Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, or changing settings on shared computers).
- Share access information for online learning platforms or meetings with unauthorized users.
- Audio or video record district staff or students without the express written consent of the district.
- When using a district-provided internet connection, including a District-provided hotspot, maintain acceptable bandwidth and data use.

- Install unauthorized software, including a Virtual Private Network (VPN).
- Unauthorized access into the system to manipulate data of the district or other users.
- Spend excessive time using the District network or District-provided device for non-educational purposes (e.g., shopping, personal social networking, gaming, or sports related sites).
- Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice.

Students must understand that they have no expectation of privacy at any time while accessing the District network or using a District-provided device. The District is authorized to do audits of Internet histories of students while using the District network or a District-provided device.

Parent/Guardian Obligations and Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their student's use of District-provided devices when the student is not at school. If a parent/guardian becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of the network or device, the parent/guardian shall immediately report such information to the student’s teacher or the school principal. Parents have the right, at any time, to investigate or review the content of their child's digital files.

By signing this agreement, parents/guardians consent to the search and seizure of any District device in the possession of the parent/guardian or student by the District, the District’s authorized representative, a District employee, or a Peace Officer at any time of the day or night and by any means. Additionally, by signing this Agreement, the student and parent/guardian waives any rights that may apply to searches of any District device under Senate Bill 178.

By signing this document, students and parents/guardians indicate that you have read and understand the terms and conditions set forth above relating to the use of the District digital network and provided devices. In addition, you are acknowledging that any violation of these terms could result in the termination of the student’s digital account(s), revocation of computer/device/network access, and/or other disciplinary actions.

Student Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
School Name:	Grade:	
Student's Signature:	Date: / /	
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Phone #:	
Parent/Guardian's Signature:	Date: / /	