

Student Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

- I. **Purpose** - The Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) is committed to providing our students access to cutting edge instructional technology tools. The use of technology for the purpose of instruction provides our students with learning opportunities that extend well beyond the walls of the classroom. For students, use of technology in the classroom is for educational purposes, such as accessing curriculum-related information, sharing resources, and promoting innovation in learning. Learning how to use technology is a vital part of creating exemplary learners with the skills to succeed in the 21st century. No personal use of any kind is permitted.
- II. **Technology Safety** - Precautions will be taken to ensure that technology in the classroom is being used in an appropriate manner. Students will be instructed in the appropriate use and will be supervised while using technology for instructional purposes.

Bullying involving the use of technology (cyberbullying) will not be tolerated from either school or home and may result in suspension and/or a recommendation for expulsion. Also, when appropriate, local law enforcement may be involved.

III. **Terms and Conditions** -

Students Shall:

- Use technology for educational purposes only
- Communicate with others in a courteous and respectful manner
- Maintain the confidentiality of personal name, address, phone number, password(s), and respect the same privacy of others
- Use only accounts and passwords provided by the school
- Report any incident of harassment to a supervising district employee
- Agree to the review of communications, data, and files by the Cupertino Union School District
- Comply with copyright laws and intellectual property rights of others
- Report any violation of this Acceptable Use of Technology Policy to a supervising employee

Students Shall Not:

- Cyberbullying by posting or publishing images and video captured at the school site and school related activities on social networking sites, blogs, and other websites, that negatively impact the learning environment and/or harass students or staff members
- Knowingly enter unauthorized networks or software to tamper or destroy data
- Bypass the district's filtering measures
- Access or distribute abusive, harassing, libelous, obscene, offensive, profane, pornographic, threatening, sexually explicit, or illegal material
- Install personal software on district computers
- Use technology for commercial, purchasing, or illegal purposes
- Use technology in any other manner that violates district policies

- IV. **Disclaimer** - Students will be instructed on the appropriate use of technology in the classroom and be supervised while using technology for the purpose of instruction. The district provides Internet filtering software to stop most unwanted material from appearing on school computers. However, CUSD cannot guarantee that students will not access inappropriate materials on the Internet or misuse technology in the classroom and the district cannot guarantee that all undesirable websites will be filtered.
- V. **Discipline** - The use of technology in the classroom is a privilege, not a right. Suspension of the use of instructional technology at the school site, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action may result from the inappropriate use of technology. The site administrator will decide what is the appropriate use of technology at the school site.