STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes that technology is a tool for instruction which should facilitate and enhance the curricular goals of the District. Internet access is one of the technology tools that can provide positive learning experiences for students.

Because of the unique nature of technology, the staff will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of that resource. Those responsible for student technology access will monitor its use so that maximum instructional benefit will result. The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. Users should not expect that email or files stored on District servers will be private. The District reserves the right to log technology use, to monitor file server space utilization by users, and to examine users' files and materials as needed, and at its discretion. Users must recognize that there is no assurance of confidentiality with respect to access to transmissions and files by persons outside, or from persons inside the District.

IMPORTANT: 1:1 CHROMEBOOK UPDATE FOR 2019-2020

For the 2019-2020 school year, all students in grades 5-12 in School District U-46 will be provided a district-issued Chromebook to be used throughout the school day, as well as at home during the evenings and weekends to support their learning. These Chromebooks will allow improved implementation of the Board approved curriculum and curricular resources. Over the last five years, the District has invested in numerous curricular resources for core instruction as well as intervention which are technology-based. Moving to one-to-one in 5th thru 12th grades will allow students greater access to curriculum resources, interventions and progress monitoring tools.

The school district will retain ownership of the devices, but will check them out to the students for the entire school year as a tool to support their learning. In order for this to be successful, students need to take responsibility for the device loaned to them - similar to checking out books from the library or being assigned textbooks. Each Chromebook will be marked with a district provided Asset Tag sticker and device ID sticker and will be checked out to the designated student using the District's online inventory management system. Students may not tamper with or remove any device identification stickers or labels. In addition, students are strongly discouraged from decorating their district-issued technology in any way. Any damage resulting from physical modifications may result in a damage fee and possible loss of use.

The value of the Chromebook is approximately $300. For the 2019-2020 school year, U-46 is charging each student in grades 5-12 a $25 technology fee to cover repair insurance for minor repairs that may occur.   For students who qualify for free and reduced lunch, the technology fee will be waived. We have found that if your daughter/son uses proper care,

especially while transporting the device, the risk of damage is minimal. If a device is accidentally damaged, there will be no charge to the student for repair. If it is determined that the damage was not accidental, the student may be charged the full repair or replacement cost. In addition, if the device is lost, the student will be charged the full replacement cost similar to how the District handles lost textbooks currently. This provision will also be noted in the student handbook.

If damage to the device occurs while your student has the Chromebook off of school grounds, please notify the school and return the damaged device immediately the next day. In addition, in the case of suspected theft, please immediately contact local law enforcement to file a police report. Please share a copy of the police report with your school to allow the school district to assist the police in recovering the stolen device. If the device is verified as stolen and a police report is filed, the student will not be charged the replacement cost.

Students are responsible for good behavior on District and school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Permission to use the District and school's technology, including Internet, email, and other collaborative online tools is dependent upon a student and his/her parent or guardian signing the Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement. Signing this form shows that the student understands and will follow the District and school's technology/computer rules.

Please understand that any student email account is a form of communication, is transitory in nature and will not be construed as a Student record. The District also does not backup or archive the cloud-based application and data storage services that may be available to students, so any data that is permanently deleted from those services cannot be restored.

The Opportunities and Risks of Technology Use
With access to computers and people all over the world comes the potential availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting, or that may be harmful or disruptive. Because information on networks is transitory and diverse, the District cannot completely predict or control what users may or may not locate. The Board of Education believes that the educational value of limited access to the information, interaction, and research capabilities that technology offers outweighs the possibility that users may obtain or encounter material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the District installs and operates filtering software to limit users' internet access to materials that are obscene, pornographic, harmful to children, or otherwise inappropriate, notwithstanding that such software may in certain cases block access to other materials as well. At the same time, the District cannot guarantee that filtering software will in all instances successfully block access to materials deemed harmful, indecent, offensive, pornographic, or otherwise inappropriate. The use of

filtering software does not negate or otherwise affect the obligations of users to abide by the terms of this Policy and to refrain from accessing such inappropriate materials.

No technology is guaranteed to be error-free or totally dependable, nor is it safe when used irresponsibly. Among other matters, the District is not liable or responsible for:

1. any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties;
2. the accuracy or suitability of any information that is retrieved through technology;
3. breaches of confidentiality;
4. defamatory material; or
5. the consequences that may come from failure to follow the District's policy and procedures governing the use of technology.

Student Users of Technology Will:

- Use or access District technology only for educational purposes.
- Comply with copyright laws and software licensing agreements.
- Understand that email and network files are not private. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and monitor responsible student use.
- Respect the privacy rights of others.
- Be responsible at all times for the proper use of technology, including proper use of access privileges, complying with all required system security identification codes, and not sharing any codes or passwords.
- Maintain the integrity of technological resources from potentially damaging messages, physical abuse, or viruses.
- Abide by the policies and procedures of networks and systems linked by technology.

Student Users of Technology Will Not:

- Access, download, create, send or display offensive messages or pictures.
- Use harassing, offensive, obscene or defamatory language.
- Harass or attack others.
- Vandalize or damage computer equipment, systems, networks, hardware, software, data or programs.
- Spread computer viruses.
- Violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements.
- Use others' passwords or accounts.
- Misrepresent themselves or others.
- Trespass in others' folders, work, or files, or gain unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- Reveal their personal address or phone number, or those of other users.
- Use District technology for non-school purposes or personal financial gain.
- Use technology for any illegal purpose or activity.

Disciplinary Actions
Violations of this Policy, or any administrative regulations and guidelines governing the use of technology may result in disciplinary action which could include loss of network access, loss of technology use, suspension or expulsion, or other appropriate disciplinary action. Violations of local, state or federal law may subject students to prosecution by appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Additional Rules/Actions
The superintendent may establish regulations and guidelines and shall take appropriate action to implement this Policy.

Note to Parents

District staff may not request or require a student to provide a password or other related account information in order to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website if the district has reasonable cause to believe that the student's account on a social networking website contains evidence that the student has violated a disciplinary rule or policy.