2020-2021 Student Technology AUP

Millville Public School (MPS) is dedicated to providing all students an engaging and rigorous academic experience while preparing our students to be creative collaborators, effective communicators, and critical problem solvers in a diverse globalized society. We believe technology is a tool that enables our students to learn the curriculum at a deeper level, and we believe that the curriculum is the driving force behind technology usage in the classroom.

It is the policy of MPS to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all electronic resources and activities. With this privilege and opportunity to explore resources comes responsibility for the parent and the student.

When signing the MPS Acceptable Use Policy, you are acknowledging that you understand and accept the information in this document.

MPS students and parents/guardians must understand that:

- Students may only log in using their district-assigned username. Students may not share their passwords or student ID numbers with other students.
- Students may not record or take photographs of students or staff members without their permission.
- Students should not post personal information about themselves or others. This personal information includes a person’s full name, phone number, address, birth date, or an identifiable photo.
- MPS may remove a user’s access to the network/cloud storage without notice at any time if the user is engaged in any unauthorized activity.
- MPS reserves the right to restrict access to classroom technology at any time.
- Students are expected to report any damage to their device or associated accessories immediately.
- Do not intentionally modify computers or other equipment attempting to install software, hacking, spreading viruses or malware, or making physical changes to (i.e. removing labels, emblems, or parts) or damaging technology equipment.
- User realizes that the Millville Public School District reserves the right to view any material stored in files.
- Do not attempt to bypass Internet filters by using proxy sites, hacking, or any other means. Request unblocking of educationally necessary Internet resources using established District procedures.
- Immediately report problems or security violations, such as broken equipment or inappropriate technology or password use, to a teacher or administrator.
Use communications tools only in ways that are kind and respectful. This includes email, blogs, discussion boards, wikis, chat/instant messaging, texting websites, and virtual learning environments.

User will not delete, examine, copy or modify files and/or data belonging to other users. The exception to this would be students collaborating on shared documents.

Do not intentionally access, copy, share, or create material that violates the school’s code of conduct, including material that is pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass.

**Social Media Guidelines**

- Under no circumstances should negative comments be made about staff, parents or other students.
- Unless otherwise stated by teachers or other staff, use of social media shall not be permitted during classroom hours.
- Be respectful of opinions of others in your posts or comments.

Your online behavior should reflect the same standards of honesty, respect and consideration that you use face-to-face.

**Consequences for Violation**

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student’s privileges to use the district technology resources. Any offense that might be negligent or purposeful may be severe enough to result in an immediate administrative referral and/or loss of technology privilege. Consequences will vary per campus but may include:

A warning
In-class consequences, such as the loss of the device for the class period
School-based consequences
Parent contact
Administration referral
Loss of device or network access for extended period of time, which will be determined by the school administration.
**Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement**

The completion of this form indicates that you have read the policy and understand the same. It also indicates that you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the policy. This form must be signed both by you and a parent/guardian before you will be permitted to have access to the districts’ network.

I understand and agree to accept and abide by the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy. I also understand that if I fail to follow the policy, my access to the computer network, email services, and the Internet may be suspended. I may be subject to other discipline, and there may even be criminal consequences to my behavior depending upon the severity of my actions.

***The District in its sole discretion will determine whether a violation of this agreement has occurred and can take any remedial action including termination of the agreement.

As a parent/guardian of the student above, I hereby give my permission for my child to access the district computer system which includes access to the Internet and possibly email. I have read the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy, and I understand that my child is expected to abide by all policies described. I understand that the district is employing filtering software, but that it is not always effective. I also understand that when my child is accessing the district computer system from outside of school, I am responsible to provide appropriate supervision.