



Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

The use of Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools technology is intended to support your academic success. You must read and agree to follow the network rules below to use your network account.

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, hereinafter referred to as TCSOS, has a solid commitment of providing a quality educational curriculum for its students, including access to and experience with technology. TCSOS's goals for technology in education include promoting educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication; providing appropriate access to all students; supporting critical and creative thinking; fully integrating technology into the daily curriculum; promoting collaboration and entrepreneurship; and preparing students and educators to meet the challenge of a highly technological and information-rich society.

TCSOS recognizes that curricular technology can enhance student achievement. TCSOS provides a wide range of technological resources, including student Internet access, to advance the educational mission of TCSOS.

Students waive any right to privacy or confidentiality to material that was accessed, created, sent, or stored using TCSOS technology or a TCSOS provided network account.

TCSOS provides students with access to technology and the Internet. Through the Internet, students may have access to applications, databases, websites, and email. Students are expected to use technology and the Internet responsibly for school-related purposes.

TCSOS is committed to meeting the provisions established in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which protects the safety and privacy of minors. Consequently, TCSOS uses appropriate filtering technology to monitor and screen access to the Internet to prevent online access to obscene materials, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. In compliance with California legislation, E-Rate[1], and the Children's Internet Protection Act, TCSOS addresses the appropriate and ethical use of information technology in the classroom so that students and teachers can distinguish lawful from unlawful uses of copyrighted works, including the following topics: the concept and purpose of both copyright and fair use; distinguishing lawful from unlawful downloading and peer-to-peer file sharing, and avoiding plagiarism. TCSOS provides for the education of minors about Internet safety, including appropriate online behavior that encompasses interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in

chat rooms, cyberbullying awareness and response, and protect online privacy and avoid online predators.

Students will follow current legal regulations, the rules outlined in this agreement, and the student disciplinary code. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations will govern all violations of this agreement. For clarification of other related student policies and consequences, including suspension or expulsion that may result from misuse, please refer to your student handbook or the TCSOS website.

As a condition of the right to use TCSOS technology resources, students understand and agree with the following:

I will use technology resources responsibly:

- I will use the Internet and other technology resources for academic activities.
- I will store only educationally appropriate materials.
- I will not use TCSOS technology for commercial purposes or to offer or provide products or services through TCSOS technology.
- I will not use technology resources to violate TCSOS policies, federal or state laws.
- I will not intentionally access or store inappropriate information, including, but not limited to the following: obscene material; child pornography; material that depicts, or describes offensively, violence, nudity, sex, death, or bodily functions; material that has been designated as for adults only; material that promotes or advocates illegal activities; material that encourages the use of alcohol or tobacco, school cheating, or weapons; or material that advocates participation in hate groups or other potentially dangerous groups.
- I will not participate in unacceptable behaviors including but not limited to: personal attacks, harassment or bullying another person; creation and transmission of offensive, obscene, or indecent material; creation of defamatory material; plagiarism; infringement of copyright laws, including software, published texts, and student work; political advocacy or religious proselytizing; transmission of commercial or advertising material; and creation and transmission of material which a recipient might consider disparaging, harassing, or abusive based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

I will use technology resources safely:

- I will not share my password with anyone.
- I will not give out my name, picture, address, e-mail, or any other personally-identifying information online.
- I will only access social networking and collaborative websites, blogs, or post to Internet sites related to educational purposes.

I will use technology resources respectfully:

- I will not deliberately attempt to harm or destroy data on any system on the network or Internet.
- I will not damage equipment or inappropriately alter settings.
- I will not inappropriately alter any other users' files.
- I will not log in through another person's account or access another person's files.
- I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the TCSOS network or to any other system using the TCSOS network.
- I will not go beyond my authorized access.
- I will not circumvent (i.e., use proxies or VPN software) TCSOS Internet filters.
- I will not disclose names, personal contact information, or other private or personal information about other students.
- I will not use the TCSOS network to engage in any unlawful activity or threaten any person's safety.
- I will not use threatening, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, or disrespectful language.
- I will neither transmit nor post information that could disrupt my school or any other organization.

I will use technology resources in a manner that respects the intellectual property of others:

- I will respect the rights of copyright owners in my use of materials.
- I will not install, store, or distribute unauthorized copyrighted software or materials.
- I will properly cite sources for material that is not my own.

I understand that:

By accepting these terms and conditions, I waive any right to privacy or confidentiality to material created, sent, accessed, or stored using TCSOS technology or a TCSOS provided network account.

- TCSOS personnel have the right to review any material sent, emailed, accessed, or stored through TCSOS technology or a TCSOS provided network account.
- My use of the Internet will be monitored, as required by federal law. TCSOS's Internet usage monitoring can reveal all activities I engage in using the TCSOS network or TCSOS provided device.
- TCSOS personnel can remove any material that it believes may be unlawful, obscene, indecent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable.
- TCSOS does not promise that the functions of the Internet service will meet any specific requirements I may have or that the Internet service will be error-free or uninterrupted.

- TCSOS administrators have the final say on what constitutes a violation of the Acceptable Use Agreement. Violations include, but are not limited to, all bulleted points in this agreement.
- If there is a claim that I have violated this agreement or the student disciplinary code in my use of the TCSOS network, I will be provided with notice and the opportunity to be heard in the manner outlined in the student disciplinary code.
- TCSOS will not be responsible for any damage I may suffer, including but not limited to loss of data, interruptions of service, or exposure to inappropriate material or people.
- TCSOS will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the system. TCSOS accepts no liability relative to the information stored or retrieved on TCSOS-owned technology resources.
- TCSOS will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through unauthorized use of the system.
- My parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that may result from my intentional misuse of the system.
- Although TCSOS will make a concerted effort to protect me from adverse consequences resulting from the use of TCSOS technology resources, I must exercise individual vigilance and responsibility to avoid inappropriate or illegal activities.
- TCSOS acknowledges the need for students and families to communicate with cell phones. However, cell phones and other communication equipment/devices (such as pagers, Skype, instant messaging, and other such programs or devices) must not disrupt the education goals of TCSOS. Use of these devices during scheduled class time is prohibited. Students may use cell phones and other electronic devices during breaks and lunchtime at the discretion of the teacher, supervisor on duty, or designee. They must align with established rules and procedures.
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Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

[1] Part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, E-Rate is an FCC program operated by Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that provides discounts for schools and libraries for telecommunication and Internet access services through Universal Service Funds. Discount eligibility is based on the poverty level of students and urban/rural status of the school.