

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, is committed to 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 its educational mission.

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

TCSOS provides students with access to technology and the Internet. Students may access applications, databases, websites, and email through the Internet. 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 that 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, protecting online privacy, and avoiding online predators.

Students will follow current legal regulations, the rules outlined in this agreement, and the student disciplinary code. Board Policies 5131.9, 6163.4, and Administrative Regulation 6163.4 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 the annual notifications.

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 or 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 of 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, or other personally identifying information online. I will use my email only for educationally related programs.
- I will only access approved 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 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.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence ("AI") has become increasingly prevalent in many areas, including education. AI can, when used appropriately, enhance student learning by improving the efficiency of education, providing new and creative ways to support learning, and encouraging independent research, curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. AI has the potential to serve as a supplemental tool to support and expand classroom instruction, facilitate personalized learning opportunities, and increase educational and learning opportunities.

TCSOS has developed the following guidelines and protocols for the use of AI:

1. The use of AI in the classroom or on class assignments must align with the teacher's instructions and use expectations.
2. Any student use of AI on schoolwork must be cited as any other source and may not be submitted as the student's original work.
3. Students should not rely on AI tools as fact-checkers to confirm their work or research, as AI may not always provide accurate or up-to-date information.
4. Students are prohibited from using any AI system to access, create, or display harmful, deceptive, or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their

race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs or interact with the AI in a manner that supports any of the above.

5. Students shall not share confidential or personally identifiable information with an open (publicly accessible, not operated by TCSOS) AI system of themselves, another student, a staff member, or another person. Personally identifiable information includes but is not limited to, a person's name, address, email address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.
6. Students shall not adjust any privacy settings on an AI tool unless directed by a teacher or administrator.

Students are not permitted to access AI for assistance with assignments or research unless done under the guidance and approval of a District staff member. Unpermitted use of AI may lead to penalties for academic misconduct. Inappropriate use may also result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with the law and Board Policies.

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- TCSOS personnel have the right to review any material sent, emailed, accessed, or stored through TCSOS technology or a TCSOS-provided network account.
- My Internet use will be monitored, as federal law requires. 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.
- I will not use AI tools to bypass learning objectives, such as submitting AI-generated work as my own or relying on AI to complete assignments without effort or understanding. My use of AI will align with academic honesty policies and promote genuine learning and skill development.
- TCSOS acknowledges that students and families may need to communicate during the school day and recognizes the widespread use of personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, smartwatches, and messaging apps.

However, to maintain a focused and disruption-free learning environment:

- The use of cell phones and personal communication devices is **not permitted during scheduled class time**, unless explicitly authorized by a teacher or staff member for instructional purposes.
- Students **may use personal devices during breaks, lunch, or other non-instructional times**, in accordance with site-specific rules and under the supervision of staff.
- Use of communication apps or devices must **not interfere with instruction, classroom management, or school operations**.
- All student use of personal devices must align with the TCSOS Acceptable Use Agreement and any additional school or classroom policies.
- Students may not use personal devices to record, photograph, or livestream others without prior consent and staff approval.
- TCSOS assumes **no responsibility or liability** for lost, stolen, or damaged student-owned devices brought to school or used on TCSOS property.

[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 the urban/rural status of the school.

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Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR OPEN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS



Definition:

"Open Artificial Tools" refer to publicly accessible artificial intelligence platforms developed by third parties that generate content, provide responses, or complete tasks based on user input. Examples include—but are not limited to—ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, and other generative AI systems that are not owned or operated by TCSOS.

I, as the parent or guardian of _____, I understand and acknowledge the following regarding the use of open AI tools in an educational setting:

- My child's use of open AI tools is optional and not a required part of the TCSOS instructional program.
- While TCSOS promotes safe and responsible technology use, open AI tools may not provide the same protections for student data or content filtering as school-managed systems.
- TCSOS will make available, upon request, the privacy policies and terms of service for any open AI tools approved for educational use.
- Students and staff are instructed not to enter personally identifiable information (PII) or confidential content into open AI platforms. However, despite these precautions, the nature of generative AI may still result in unexpected or inappropriate outputs.
- I acknowledge that the use of open AI tools involves inherent risks. By granting consent, I agree to assume these risks, release TCSOS of liability, and waive claims related to data privacy or content exposure under FERPA or California Education Code Sections 49073.1 and 49073.6.
- I understand that misuse of AI tools—such as entering personal data, violating academic honesty policies, or engaging in prohibited behavior—may result in disciplinary action.

By signing below, I give permission for my child to use open AI tools under the guidance of TCSOS staff for educational purposes.

By signing below, the parent/guardian participant hereby agrees to the terms stated above.

Parent/Guardian of: _____ Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____