

Student Use of District Technology

Instructional technologies, including, but not limited to the Internet, electronic mail, hardware, software, and online resources have vast potential to support curriculum and student learning.

Technology offers an opportunity for students to:

1. Engage in learning activities.
2. Locate materials to meet educational and information needs.
3. Communicate with teachers, students, experts and other individuals.
4. Participate in distance learning activities.

Using technology:

1. Requires students to think critically, analyze information and write clearly.
2. Develops problem-solving skills.
3. Cultivates computer and research skills demanded by future employers.
4. Encourages an attitude of lifelong learning.

The Internet, including electronic mail, is an environment in which information available to students is constantly changing. While impossible to predict with certainty what information students might locate or receive, the electronic information available to students through the Internet or electronic mail does not imply endorsement by the district of the content, nor does the district make any guarantee as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet or via electronic mail.

The district will make every reasonable effort to ensure that technology is used appropriately and responsibly by students. Administrators, teachers, staff, and other school approved persons, have a professional responsibility to work together to help students develop the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their educational goals.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop procedures for student exploration and use of technology. Such procedures shall address issues of privacy, ethical use of information, copyright, illegal and/or unauthorized uses of the networks and other technology and conditions of usage.

Use of educational technologies demands personal responsibility and an understanding of the acceptable use procedures. Student use of district technology is a privilege, not a right. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using the Internet. Failure to follow the acceptable use procedures will result in the loss of the privilege to use these educational tools and may result in school disciplinary action and/or legal action.

Elementary Student Opt Out of Use of Technology

I have read and understand Atlanta Public School District's "Internet Acceptable Use Policy" which can be referenced in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and through the APS website. After reviewing the "Internet Acceptable Use Policy", I do not want my child to use school technology and want to opt out for the current school year.

I understand by signing and returning this form to my local school that my child WILL NOT be able to use school technology to:

- Perform basic word processing, build spreadsheets, or browse the Internet
- Conduct research on classroom or library computers
- Search the school library catalog for books/resources
- Download educational videos, podcasts, simulations, or content
- Publish student work
- Fulfill requirements in computer lab assignments
- Conduct science experiments using computer-based simulations or probes
- Do computer presentations in class
- Engage in distance learning experiences
- Use student response devices or other classroom assessment technologies
- Engage in online collaborative projects
- Engage in electronic discussions with experts outside the classroom
- Share or exchange files with students in or outside the classroom
- Store student work for retrieval at home
- Obtain a school email account. At the elementary level, e-mail is not made available to students unless requested by a teacher, connected to a specific curriculum unit, explicit parent/guardian and principal permission is required, and close supervision by adults is provided.

The list above is a general list of the usage of school technology however other technology requirements may be assigned by the teacher.

By signing below, my child **DOES NOT** have permission to use school technology resources. I understand my child may be given alternative assignments in order to meet classroom assignments.

School name

Student name

Grade

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent name (please print)

Date