

Technology Use Agreement

Introduction

ABLE Charter provides for the use of networked computer technology to facilitate teaching and learning. Access to the ABLE network (ABLEnet), a laptop computer, and other technology hardware are provided for educational uses by its students at school and at home. ABLE will make every effort to ensure that the laptop computer and ABLEnet are used responsibly by students and other users. Users are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with this agreement; to accept and apply rules of network etiquette; and to follow state and federal law and school policy. This Technology Use Agreement (Agreement) embodies ABLE's intention to

- prevent access to or transmission of inappropriate material;
- prevent unauthorized and unlawful online activity;
- promote appropriate, safe, and legal online behavior;
- prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors;
- comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254-h); and
- maintain school equipment and systems in good working order.

Assumptions and Acceptable Use

Student access to the Internet is a requirement of being enrolled and studying at ABLE. The laptop computer and whatsoever other hardware or software provided for student use remain the property of ABLE, and their use is subject to the terms of this Agreement. The laptops, access to ABLEnet or the Internet, and all related hardware and software are provided for educational use as directed by teachers or designated staff members.

Waiver of Privacy Rights – *NO EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY*

User understands that ABLE routinely monitors usage of the ABLEnet and may review any communications on its systems. User expressly waives any right of privacy related to any use of ABLEnet, the Internet, or any other computer network. User further understands that ABLE maintains the right at all times to override all passwords and to monitor all activity.

Prohibited Use

Any use of ABLEnet, the Internet, the laptop, or related hardware or software for purposes unrelated to the student's education is prohibited. The following list sets forth some of the more common prohibited uses; however the list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Students must not

- transmit hate mail; harassing, disparaging, threatening, or intimidating remarks; and/or offensive or inflammatory communications;
- conduct illegal activity;
- install unauthorized software and applications or download unauthorized files;
- instant message, email, or browse during class instruction – unless it is part of the lesson;
- tamper with or attempt to subvert administrative or security protocols;
- network socially, stream movies, listen to music, or surf the Internet – unrelated to instruction;
- hack the system;
- access another person's user account or impersonate another user;
- access obscene or pornographic material;
- leave the laptop computer unattended or loan the computer to anyone;
- lose track of where their laptop is located;
- forget that she/he is responsible for the cost of damage or loss regardless of how or when it occurred;

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- remove any school-applied decals or stickers – or apply personal decorations such as decals or stickers;
- have food or drink near or upon the laptop computer; or
- disassemble and part of the laptop computer or attempt any repairs;

Additionally, students must

- use an appropriate carrying case or sleeve to avoid damage to the laptop;
- use and store the laptop in a safe location and environment to avoid loss or damage;
- charge the laptop computer battery everyday;
- notify the ABLE department of technology immediately in the event of loss of or damage to the laptop;
- surrender the laptop computer and accessories in good working order upon demand, upon termination of enrollment at ABLE, or at the end of the school year;
- pay for the replacement of the laptop computer and accessories in the event any of these are damaged or lost – including stolen; and
- comply with the Student Handbook, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement for all purposes.

Disclaimer

Electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement of the content by ABLE, nor does ABLE guarantee the accuracy of information obtained on the Internet. ABLE makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied, with respect to the information technology services it provides. ABLE will not be responsible for damages resulting from the use of ABLE information technology services including, but not limited to, loss of data, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions. ABLE will not be responsible for any charges or fees resulting from unauthorized access to the Internet or Internet resources.

I/We have read and understand the Technology Use Agreement. I/We agree to abide by the agreement in its entirety and to the following, specifically.

- Use of laptop and and/or the Internet in a prohibited manner will lead to disciplinary and/or legal action, the confiscation of equipment, and a review of User’s enrollment at ABLE.
- Any cost due to damage or loss of the laptop or accessories will be paid by me/us.
- Repair and/or replacement costs, including any necessary labor, will be billed at ABLE’s real costs.

PRINT Student’s Name

Student’s Signature

Date

PRINT Parent’s/Guardian’s Name

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Date