



STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE & RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT

Adopted from the Orange County Public School Parent Technology, Media, and Information Consent (PTMIC)

Orlando Science Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment. Orlando Science Schools believe that all students should have access to technology (e.g. software, Internet, and network access) when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous, and legal manner. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's technology use when accessing from home. Students are responsible for their own behavior at all times.**

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Technology access has been established for educational & instructional purposes and will be consistent with the schools' curriculum and the Florida Standards. The term "educational purpose" includes academic activities that directly improve upon 21st century skills such as creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and collaboration. Access has not been established as a public service or a public forum. Orlando Science Schools has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material accessed or posted through the system.

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Use technology for educational purposes
- ✓ Follow the Student Code of Conduct rules
- ✓ Follow local and state laws

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Use school technology for commercial purposes
- Ø Offer, provide, or purchase products or services using any Orlando Science Schools resource
- Ø Use school products or services for personal financial gain
- Ø Post chain letters or engage in "spamming." Spamming is defined as the sending of an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.

STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS & DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

All students will have school-supervised access to the Internet through the classroom, media center, or computer lab. In accordance with [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) and [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\)](#), all Orlando Science Schools web access is filtered. However, this does not preclude the possibility that inappropriate sites are not blocked.

Students shall immediately notify a teacher or administrator if inappropriate information is mistakenly accessed. This will protect students against a claim of intentional violation of this policy.

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Use Orlando Science Schools Internet access for educational purposes

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Use Orlando Science Schools Internet to access profane or obscene pornographic material
- Ø Use Orlando Science Schools Internet to advocate illegal acts
- Ø Use Orlando Science Schools Internet to advocate violence or discrimination towards people
- Ø Connect personally owned devices to the *wired* network.
- Ø Attempt to gain unauthorized access to the school network or to any other computer system through the Internet or go beyond authorized access

RESPONSIBLE USES

No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. This permission form allows the school to act as an agent for parents/guardians in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

In order to ensure a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all, students are expected to demonstrate the following technology uses.

Personal Safety

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Keep private information, such as my address, phone number, birthday, and other identifiable information private
- ✓ Keep my password secure and not provide it to another student
- ✓ Report anyone who tries to use technology to hurt or harass me to a teacher or other Orlando Science Schools employee
- ✓ Tell a teacher or other Orlando Science Schools employee when someone or something makes me uncomfortable

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Log in to any account other than my own
- Ø Use Orlando Science Schools technology to engage in any illegal acts. For example, arranging for a drug sale, purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, or threatening the safety of another person
- Ø Cyber-stalk or cyberbully another person
- Ø Coerce or extort another person
- Ø Make threats of violence or harm against another person

Inappropriate Language

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages.

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Treat others with respect
- ✓ Use appropriate language
- ✓ Offer constructive criticism when appropriate

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, threatening, or disrespectful language
- Ø Harass another person (Refer to the Code of Conduct for definition of Harassment.)
- Ø Knowingly or recklessly communicate false or defamatory information about a person or organization
- Ø Share a privately sent message without permission of the person who sent the message
- Ø Post private information about another person
- Ø Participate in sexting
- Ø Use discriminatory language

System Security

Students are responsible for individual network access and must take all reasonable precautions to prevent access by others. Any student identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with computer and/or network access may be denied network access.

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Allow any teacher, administrator, or Orlando Science Schools IT staff to review my work and activities created on a school device or Orlando Science Schools network at any time
- ✓ Ask for permission before connecting my own device to the Orlando Science Schools network
- ✓ Make sure any devices I use on the Orlando Science Schools network are approved by the school

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Use technology to gain access to student grades or private student records, or other student information
- Ø Download unauthorized software, apps, extensions, or plug-ins on a school device
- Ø Intentionally spread computer viruses
- Ø Bypass, destruct, disrupt, modify, or abuse Orlando Science Schools network access

Plagiarism and Copyright

Students should contact the school's media specialist with any copyright or plagiarism questions.

As a student, I will:

- ✓ Credit my sources when I am using other people's files, information, images, or other material
- ✓ Respect the work of other students and people

As a student, I will NOT:

- Ø Submit another person's files, information, images, or material and claim it as my own
- Ø Assist another student in plagiarizing
- Ø Illegally download and/or share files online
- Ø Copy, damage, or delete the work of other students

STUDENT RIGHTS

Free Speech

Student rights to free speech, as set forth in the *Student Code of Conduct*, also apply to communication on the Internet and World Wide Web. The Orlando Science Schools Internet is considered a limited forum, similar to a school newspaper, and therefore Orlando Science Schools may restrict speech for valid educational reasons. Apps, sites, email, and groups are not public forums. They are extensions of classroom spaces where student free speech rights may be limited. However, speech will not be restricted on the basis of a disagreement with the opinions a student expresses.

Search and Seizure

Parents and legal guardians have the right to request to see the contents of their student's files residing on any school-owned storage. Orlando Science Schools will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted on the Orlando Science Schools network.

Routine maintenance and monitoring of the school's network may reveal a student has violated this Agreement, Orlando Science Schools Policies, the Student Code of Conduct, or the law, including but not limited to [Florida Statute 815: Computer-Related Crimes](#). An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion of violation. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

Students have no expectation of privacy on the school network and school-issued devices. The school utilizes [GoGuardian](#) to help keep students safer and scholarly online.

The school maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of technology when there is reason to believe violations of law and/or district or school policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to administration for further investigation and account restoration, suspension, or termination.

Due Process

Administrators will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through Orlando Science Schools network access. If the violation also involves a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, it will be handled in a manner described in that document.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Orlando Science Schools make no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the Orlando Science Schools network will be error-free or without defect. Orlando Science Schools will not be responsible for any damage suffered, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. Students are responsible for making a backup copy of all files on a regular basis as well as upon graduation or leaving the school. Orlando Science Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the network. Orlando Science Schools will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the network as the result of intentional misuse. Orlando Science Schools is not liable for any loss/damage/theft of a personally owned device.

Violation or abuse of electronic and Internet or communication devices or any School Board adopted policy related to the use of telecommunication or electronic devices may result in discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Orlando Science Schools administrators have sole

discretion to determine whether any electronic communication, image, or illustration violates this agreement and the Student Code of Conduct.

EXEMPTION REQUEST

A parent/guardian must notify the principal, in writing, within ten (10) calendar days after the first day of the school year if they do not wish their child to access the Internet. The request for exemption shall expire at the end of each school year and must be submitted annually. This exemption does not apply to any required computer-based assessments. The parent/guardian understands that such requests will serve to exclude their child from accessing valuable educational resources via the internet.

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Additional safety and usage requirements can be found in the [Internet Safety Policy](#).

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

(INTERNET USE, ONLINE ACCOUNT, SOCIAL MEDIA)

I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable and that, even though Orlando Science Schools uses a filtering system to block as many of these sites as possible, no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. I hereby give permission for my child to use the software, Internet, and network access provided by Orlando Science Schools for educational purposes.

☐ **I AGREE**

☐ **I DO NOT AGREE**

Additionally, I consent to the creation of online accounts for my student for the purpose of educational activities. (e.g. Study Island, AR)

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(HS ONLY) Additionally, I consent to the use of approved social media platforms for the purpose of educational activities.

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