



# NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## TECHNOLOGY, NETWORK & INTERNET SERVICES STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Use of school technology, network services, and the Internet are a privilege, which may be restricted or revoked at any time. Students, who use school technology, access network services, and the Internet, agree to follow all school rules. Students must follow directions of teachers and school staff. Students may not use school technology for commercial purposes, including auctioning, selling, offering, providing or purchasing goods or services for personal use. Students who fail to follow school rules may lose their privileges, and/or be subjected to disciplinary procedures.

Use of school technology, network services, and the Internet does not create an expectation of privacy. The school reserves the right to search and/or monitor any information created, accessed, sent, received, and/or stored in any format by students on school equipment and/or across the district network. To the extent that students bring their own technological devices, such as an iPad or smartphone, for the purposes of participating in a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program, or otherwise, such devices may also be subject to search and seizure to the extent permitted by law. Students must use the school's wireless network to access the Internet while at school. Students shall not access content on their personal technology devices that is inappropriate for the school setting and/or in violation with any school policy, regulation or law.

While the Internet is a valuable source of information to students, it is unregulated and contains materials that may be interpreted as controversial, inappropriate, or offensive. Students must be aware of their responsibility to use the Internet in a careful and suitable manner. Although the district uses a CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliant Internet filter, it is not possible to restrict access to all materials that may be interpreted as objectionable. The parent/guardian acknowledges the district will not be held responsible for materials accessed on the Internet.

Students may be granted access to a school email account for educational purposes only. Additionally, accounts provided to students under the age of 13 are limited to sending and receiving email to and from school staff and students. Parents may request that their child not be granted access to a school email account at their school.

All district network infrastructure and bandwidth are the property of the Novato Unified School District and the Novato Unified School District reserves the right to monitor all activities and restrict access accordingly.

The following are **examples** of inappropriate uses that are prohibited:

Anything prohibited by law, district or school rules

Using obscene language or intentionally accessing or possessing obscene or pornographic material, as defined in subdivision (a) of Penal Code Section 313.

Harassing, insulting or attacking others

Using another person's password or distributing another's password

Sending or displaying pornographic, hostile, offensive, or hate related material

Accessing another person's computer, folders, work, or files without their consent

Possession or use of any tools designed for probing, monitoring, or breaching the security of the network or willfully infecting the network with a virus

Using the network for non-school related bandwidth intensive activities such as network games and the downloading of music/video files or serving as a host for such activities

Using the network for commercial purposes

Violating copyright laws

Participating in non-district approved forums, chat rooms, or exchanges

Using school equipment for non-school related purposes

Advertising or promoting non-school commercial endeavors

Activities that would subject the school or the individual to criminal, civil or administrative liability

Recording (video or audio) or photographing another person without their permission or knowledge

I understand and agree to comply with the above stated district and school policies and procedures. I grant permission for my child to use the above services provided by the school.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**