

# THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPUTER, NETWORK, AND PERSONAL DEVICES USE AGREEMENT

*You will not receive your password until this document is signed.*

We are happy to provide access to the Internet to all of our students and staff. We believe that it offers our educational community valuable resources for learning and communicating with others. Internet access is provided in conjunction with the Connecticut Education Network (CEN) and is filtered in accordance with the federal Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), but recognizes the impossibility of controlling access to all materials available on the World Wide Web. TPS will make every effort to monitor and filter out objectionable materials, but cannot guarantee the blocking of ALL such sites.

Access to the computers and Internet is a privilege for students and not a right. The purpose of TPS computers, laptops, iPads, and Chromebooks is to provide seamless educational access to all students. Policy for technology use has been developed with the goal of maintaining the integrity and functionality of both network and equipment so that use is not disrupted by unnecessary equipment failure. A user account can be disabled at any time as required. Any student who violates TPS Acceptable Use regulations or rules for behavior in computer labs or open access locations will be denied use of those resources appropriate to the offense. Such denial may result in temporary or permanent cancellation of LAN/Internet access privileges, school disciplinary action, criminal prosecution or civil action.

In exchange for the privilege of using technology at school, we acknowledge and agree to each of the following:

- 1. All students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the Internet just as they are when involved in any school activity. General school rules and all Board of Education policies apply to all Internet activity and communication, including the Board's Student Discipline Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, and Bullying Intervention Policy.**
- 2. There is no expectation of personal privacy in the use of personal technology at school. The District's network administrators have the ability to identify us and monitor all BYOD devices logged onto the network.**
- 3. The purpose of using the Internet at school is to support research and educational goals. Use of the Internet must always support those goals.**
- 4. School and personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing it to School and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school. The technology department is not responsible for charging personal devices.**
- 5. Students must never:**
  - Use electronic resources for other than educational purposes
  - Reveal personal information about themselves or others such as addresses, phone numbers, passwords, etc.
  - Send or display offensive messages or photos of themselves or others
  - Use inappropriate language
  - Attempt to discover or use another person's password or account
  - Violate copyright law by copying or using unauthorized copies of programs
  - Access other people's folders, files or programs
  - Use information without giving proper credit to the author
  - Harass, insult, bully, or attack other Internet users
  - Use the Internet for commercial purposes
  - Willfully destroy or vandalize other people's work, computers, or computer programs and files
  - Use personal devices of any kind to photograph, video, or audio-record other students or staff- particularly as a means of harassment
  - Upload, link, or embed their own image or images of others to non-secured, public sites without the permission of the teacher and a signed parental permission slip
  - Use the likeness of another person or make statements through website postings, email, instant messages, etc., that harass, intimidate, threaten, insult, libel or ridicule students, teachers, administrators or other staff members of the school community or make statements that are falsely attributed to others

- Attempt to access, upload, or transmit material that is pornographic, violent, or explicitly sexual in nature.

6. **The prohibited conduct described above is also prohibited off campus when using private equipment if it has the effect of seriously interfering with the educational process, and such off-campus violations may lead to disciplinary measures.**
7. **The district is not responsible for theft, damage or loss of personally-owned devices and students are not permitted to leave such devices at school overnight unless they are secured in a locked locker.**

**Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)**

- The Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires parental permission whenever a website or application collects personally identifiable information from children under age 13.
- By participating in Google Apps for Education, student information may be collected and stored electronically and shared with the District.
- The District’s use of student information is for educational purposes only.
- For more information on COPPA compliance, see the Federal Trade Commission’s website at [www.ftc.gov/coppa](http://www.ftc.gov/coppa).
- The privacy policies associated with use of Google Apps for Education are available at <https://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/benefits.html>.

***Data Encryption - When using web apps on a Chrome device, all important data is stored safely in the cloud. Certain kinds of files, like downloads, cookies, and browser cache files, may still be present on the computer. The Chrome device encrypts this data using tamper-resistant hardware, making it very difficult for anyone to access those files.***

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I have read the DEVICE USE AGREEMENT and understand its contents. I understand that I will not be able to use the Internet until this form is signed and that my privilege will be taken away if I do not follow the above rules. I also understand that other school disciplinary actions may be taken if necessary.

My signature below and that of my parent(s) or guardian(s) means that I agree to follow all the guidelines and rules stated in Thompson’s DEVICE USE AGREEMENT

School Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**