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SCVUSD Student Technology User Agreement

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the SCVUSD No.35 staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Technology Department

The Curriculum Department will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the SCVUSD No.35 Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the SCVUSD No.35 commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the SCVUSD No.35 Internet Safety Policy;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
 - i. safety on the Internet;
 - ii. Appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - iii. cyber bullying awareness and response.
- c. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”).

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District's acceptable use policies.

Overview and Purpose

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District (SCVUSD) provides Internet access to all students who agree to and sign the Student Technology User Agreement.

You must agree to the rules and guidelines in this **User Agreement** as a condition to use District equipment and those that access the District’s Network.

You may use the Internet to access information, but may not download files or software from email or websites except as directed by your teacher.

Our school District allows you to access the Internet and District Software to do the following:

- To research information for school assignments
- To type papers, reports and projects
- To publish school papers, reports and projects written by you or an assigned group
- To research career paths
- To use tools that help you organize your schedules and information (e.g. calendars)

The district has the right to determine what is considered appropriate usage of the network system.

The district will not be held responsible for any activity you engage in on the Internet. You agree not to blame the district for any damages or charges.

Limitations of Liability

Individual Accounts

You are responsible for your individual account and should not share your password with anyone. You will not download any files except with teacher permission.

Unauthorized Access

You will not

- Try to gain access to SCVUSD's network except by permission
- Log on by using another person's account
- Attempt to get into another person's electronic files

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You will not:

- Attempt to disrupt the SCVUSD network system
- Attempt to actively bypass the District filter by using a Proxy Avoidance site
- Destroy data by spreading computer viruses or in any other way
- Use SCVUSD's network to participate in any illegal acts.

Personal Gain

You may not use the SCVUSD network for selling, buying, advertising, or supporting votes. Some advertisements may be approved for the District or school website, but these permissions will be given according to law, Board policy, and regulations by administrators regarding acceptable publishing in schools.

Personal Safety

In order to help you be safe on the Internet, when using the District's equipment or Internet service, you should not:

- Post personal contact information about yourself or other people (name, address, phone number, school address, etc.). The only exception to this is if you're registering for a college course online.
- Agree to meet with someone you met online

Spamming

You will not post chain letters or engage in spamming. Spamming is when you send email messages to an individual or group of people and the messages are unrelated to school assignments.

Network Vandalism

Vandalism is not permitted and will be strictly punished.

- Vandalism is when you try to harm or destroy data of another user or network that is connected to the Internet or Intranet (District internal network).

- Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses, logic bombs, ASCII mail bombs, Trojan horse programs, or any software utilized to scan the network for passwords or confidential information.

Online Communities & Communications

Some websites and online communities can be accessed in the classroom. Others are blocked. SCVUSD reserves the right to block network Internet access at any time. You must follow these guidelines when accessing links that are not connected to the District network. The District is not responsible for the content or maintenance of these websites.

Some online communities such as wikis, blogs, social networks (e.g. Ning), video/photo sharing sites (e.g. TeacherTube, Flickr), virtual classrooms/chat areas (Elluminate, School Loop), videoconferencing and discussion boards may be used for educational purposes.

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The following restrictions apply to all types of online communities and communications utilized within the SCVUSD's network:

Inappropriate Language

You may not use inappropriate language in public or private messages or in material posted on the SCVUSD website. You should select language that is appropriate for school.

Cyberbullying, Harassment & Discriminatory Attacks

SCVUSD defines "Student Disturbances" as:

- "Harassment of students or staff, including bullying, intimidation, so-called "cyberbullying," hazing or initiation activity, ridicule, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause bodily harm or emotional suffering. Cyberbullying includes the posting of harassing messages, direct threats, social cruelty, or other harmful text or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies, as well as breaking into another person's account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation or friendships."

Cyberbullying that takes place using District-owned equipment or on school premises, as well as off-campus cyberbullying that impacts school activity or school attendance, may be subject to discipline in accordance with District policies and regulations.

If the student is using a social networking site or service that has terms of use that prohibit posting harmful material, the Superintendent or designee may also file a complaint with the Internet site or service to have the material removed. Students are encouraged to save and print any messages sent to them that they feel is cyberbullying and to notify a teacher or other district employee so that the matter may be investigated.

Possession and Use of Personal Technology

Users who misuse or aid in the misuse of personal technology "may be prohibited from possessing a mobile communications device at school or at school-related events and may be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation."

Under no circumstance may students record or photograph others without their permission. You should not publish or post voice recordings or photographs of anyone online. Bringing one under these circumstances may result in further consequences.

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Inappropriate Materials

You may not use SCVUSD to access, send or view material that is profane or obscene (pornography), that supports illegal acts, violence or discrimination toward other people.

If you access inappropriate information by mistake, you should immediately tell your teacher or the principal.

Use of Student Image & Student Work

Photographs of you with your name may not be published EXCEPT when your parent or guardian has provided prior written permission to the District.

Online Academic Dishonesty

SCVUSD believes that being honest in school is essential to your education and character development. You are expected to not lie, cheat, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. You are responsible for your acts. The District isn't.

Copyright Infringement

Avoid plagiarism by citing your sources. If a work contains directions for how to appropriately use that work, students should follow those requirements for citing the work. If you are unsure as to whether or not you can use a source, such as artwork or photographs, you should cite your sources anyway, just in case. You can also request written permission from the copyright owner. The District will not be held responsible for the consequence that you obtain if you plagiarize.

No Reasonable Expectation for Privacy

Students have no right or expectation of privacy with respect to their use of SCVUSD's network. District and school administrators retain the right to access and monitor the activities of all users at any time and for any reason.

Please sign below to show that you agree to follow the rules of this **SCVUSD Student Technology Use Agreement** and return to your school teacher.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____