



VALLEY HOME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Student Network and Internet Use Agreement

- I. **Introduction:** Valley Home Joint School District ("VHJSD" or the "District") provides students with access to technology. This Student Network and Internet Use Agreement (the "Agreement") is intended to provide information about the types of technology used and the acceptable use policy for District technology resources. The use of VHJSD's technology resources is a privilege that the District extends to students in order to support and enrich their learning experiences.
- II. **Devices:** VHJSD students work with a wide variety of devices throughout the school year, each designed to meet a different content delivery, content creation or collaboration need. Devices used by students may include but are not limited to, personal computers (laptops, desktops, and netbooks), Chromebooks, interactive whiteboards ("SMART boards"), digital projectors, document cameras, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, interactive response units, scanners, printers, photocopiers and assistive devices. Students use these devices to access the VHJSD network through both wired and wireless connections.
- III. **Content:** While using District technology, students will be exposed to content from a variety of sources including, but not limited to content created by teachers and other students, applications and content purchased by the District and individual schools, and content located on the internet. While the District is able to exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by the District, it has limited control over content accessed via the Internet. VHJSD believes that open access to the Internet is important to the educational process and, further, that education in the proper use of technology, not restricted access, is the best way to protect our students on the Internet. The District restricts access to other sites that it deems to have no educational value and to be potentially harmful to students. Parents should remember that, while best efforts to filter are made, no filtering system is 100% effective. VHJSD believes that the benefits to students from Internet access exceed the possible disadvantages. As acknowledged above, although all use of District equipment is limited to the student and parent's educational purposes, the parent is ultimately responsible for supervising and monitoring all usage of District equipment, regardless of who is using the equipment and regardless of the purpose of such use.
- IV. **Disclaimer:** VHJSD makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the technology resources it provides or the information students may access using those systems. VHJSD is not responsible for any damages users suffer while using VHJSD technology resources, including damages resulting from loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system, user errors or omissions, or by power failures. Users utilize information obtained from VHJSD technology resources at their own risk. VHJSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information students may obtain from sources outside the District.
- V. **Appropriate Use:** The Valley Home Joint School District expects that students will use District provided technology for purposes consistent with the curriculum. VHJSD technology resources should be used primarily for class assignments and other learning activities. Only school-related files should be stored in student accounts. It is expected that students will use the District's technology resources efficiently, especially when other students are waiting to use them. Students are expected to take good care of District technology resources, leaving equipment and work areas in good condition. VHJSD educates students on the appropriate use of each technology that the student is exposed to, including topics such as internet courtesy ('etiquette'), proper research and citation methods, and good email practices. Students are expected to adopt these practices, just as they would in any other subject area.
- VI. **Care of Equipment:** The student shall keep the District Devices in good operating condition allowing for reasonable wear and tear. The student shall immediately notify their teacher if the District Devices are not in good operating



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condition or require repair. In the event of any damage to the District Devices, including, but not limited to, scratches, cracks, or dents, the student will report the damage to the District within 24 hours or as soon as possible thereafter. In the event of theft or vandalism, the student will notify the District within 24 hours or as soon as possible thereafter. The student may not lend the District Devices to another person. You are responsible for the care of equipment. Parent/Guardian may be liable for charges due to damage caused by improper use.

VII. Technology Education: Safety & Privacy: The Valley Home Joint School District will provide age-appropriate training for each student in the safe use of technology, including maintaining their online reputation and ensuring their personal safety by keeping their personal information private. Students are expected to follow safe practices when using VHJD technology.

VIII. Local Policies & Practices: These policies apply to all students at VHJD. Individual teachers may develop policies and procedures which may be more restrictive than District policies. Not all teachers will use all types of software or hardware described in this Agreement.

IX. Additional Policies: Additional policies may apply to the use of resources not available to all students. An example of this is the Student Wireless Policies (where wireless is available). If in doubt, check with a teacher before using or attempting to use a resource.

X. Acceptable Use Policy: Please read and discuss the provisions of the below terms and conditions with your child. When you and your child have accepted and signed this Agreement it becomes a legally binding document. VHJD teachers and administration believe that providing access to technology enhances the educational experience for VHJD students. To make that experience successful for everyone, students must abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. **Security-** Students shall not impair the security of VHJD technology resources. This expectation includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Students are expected to safeguard all personal passwords. Students should not share passwords with others. Students are expected to notify an administrator immediately if they believe their student account has been compromised.
 - b. Students are expected to access technology only with their account or with a shared account as directed by their teacher and not to allow others to use their account or to use the accounts of others, with or without the account owner's authorization.
 - c. Students shall not alter the District equipment's settings or configuration.
2. **Authorized Use-** Students may use District technology resources when directed by a teacher or when technology has been designated for open student use (e.g. the library).

3. Inappropriate Use- VHJD technology, hardware, software and bandwidth are shared and limited resources, and all users have an obligation to use those resources responsibly. Students are provided access to VHJD technology primarily for educational purposes. Incidental personal use of District technology is acceptable, but students should not use District technology for personal activities that consume significant bandwidth, for personal activities when others are waiting to use the equipment or for activities that violate school policy or local law. These include but are not limited to:

- a. Playing games or online gaming (e.g., World of Warcraft) unless approved by a teacher.
- b. Downloading software, music, movies, or other content in violation of licensing requirements, copyright, or other intellectual property rights.
- c. Installing software on District equipment without the permission of a teacher.
- d. Downloading, viewing, or sharing inappropriate content, including pornographic, defamatory or otherwise offensive material.



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- e. Conducting any activity that is in violation of school policy, the student code of conduct or local, state or federal law.
- f. Engaging in any activity that is harmful to other student(s), including cyberbullying.
- g. Participating in political activities.
- h. Using hacking tools on the network or intentionally introducing malicious code into the District's network.
- i. Using any software or proxy service to obscure either the student's IP address or the sites that the student visits.
- j. Disabling, bypassing, or attempting to disable or bypass any system monitoring, filtering, or other security measures or accessing or attempting to access material or systems on the network that the student is not authorized to access.

The student shall practice positive digital citizenship, including appropriate behavior and contributions during video conference instruction and all other electronic communications.

a) **No Expectation of Privacy-** The District can and does monitor technology use and activity on the District's network, including but not limited to, sites visited, content viewed, and email sent and received. The District may examine a student's account and activity and search the contents of a student's account if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines regarding access to the network or use of VHJSD technology have been violated. The District reserves the right to monitor and record all use of District technology including, but not limited to, Internet communications and all Internet-related searches, social media usage, communications sent and/or received from District technology, and/or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice.

b) **Disruptive Activity.** Students should not intentionally interfere with the performance of the District's network or intentionally damage any District technology resources.

c) **Unauthorized Networks.** Students may not create unauthorized wireless networks to access VHJSD's network. This includes establishing wireless access points, wireless routers and open networks on personal devices.

d) **Consequences of Inappropriate Use.** Students who misuse VHJSD's technology resources will be subject to discipline which may include loss of access to VHJSD technology resources and/or other appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

XI. Consequences of Violations: Students who misuse VHJSD's technology resources will be subject to discipline which may include loss of access to VHJSD technology resources and/or other appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws. If a student is accused of any violation, s/he has all of the rights and privileges that exist with other kinds of school infractions.

XII. The District makes no guarantees about the quality of third-party electronic platform services provided, including, but not limited to, Zoom, Google Hangout, etc., and is not liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from the use of any such platforms.