

Technology Use Agreement

Technology Philosophy

At Richards R-V engaging and relevant technology is used to aid teachers and students in their work and learning. Access to inclusive technology enriches our curriculum and the life of the Richards R-V district. Teachers use appropriate technology to facilitate learning, manage their grades, and communicate both internally and externally. Students are granted technology privileges to be used as a tool of research, collaboration, creation, presentation, management, composition and communication. The use of technology is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges.

Technology Use Agreement

This agreement is between Richards R-V and the students. All technology provided is for academic or administrative use by students, faculty and staff. Any user who violates this policy or any applicable local, state or federal laws, faces the loss of privileges, risks school disciplinary action, and may face legal ramifications.

This technology policy includes, but is not limited to the telephone system, computers, software, networks, wireless networks, Internet access and other services provided for student use at Richards, as well as any other personal electronic devices brought to campus by the student.

District technology resources are provided to promote the education of all students and support their growth and development. Parents/Guardians are expected to be stakeholders in the implementation of the Student Technology Use Agreement. The signatures on this document indicate parents/guardians have read this agreement and that parents and students understand and support the terms of the agreement.

Cell Phone

Students will not use cell phones during the school day to make phone calls or send text messages.

Richards R-V Technology

When using technology on the campus, either personal electronic devices or technology provided by Richards R-V for student use, all students should be mindful of the following:

Richards R-V Network and Wireless Access

- Use of the networks and wireless networks should be for academic purposes having educational value consistent with learning objectives.
- All files and communications composed, sent, received or stored on Richards networks are and remain the property of the school. They are not confidential, nor the private property of any student, regardless of content, and may be viewed by Richards staff at any time. The use of any passwords does not guarantee privacy or security.
- Access to certain websites is restricted and Richards monitors Internet browsing history, messages and files accessed on the district networks.
- Inappropriate materials accessed or stored on the district network can and will be removed without prior notification. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, inappropriate music, images or infected files.
- District technology should not be used for commercial activities, product advertisement or political lobbying.

Student Access Accounts

Students will take reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their accounts by keeping passwords confidential.

Behavioral Expectations

- Use of technology on campus should not disrupt the learning environment.
- Teachers retain the right to determine appropriate use of electronic devices while in the classroom.
- District equipment will be used appropriately; students will not damage or dismantle equipment.

- Technology resources provided by the school will be used properly and not abused or monopolized. “Surfing” the Internet, or excessive downloading of files results in congestion on the district network, which slows down use for others.

Copyright and Plagiarism

- Copyrighted materials, trade secrets, proprietary information or other protected and controlled material shall not be stored or transferred using the district networks. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.
- Software is protected by copyright, therefore students will not make unauthorized copies of software used or found at Richards R-V. Students will not give, lend or sell copies of software to others.
- Students will not plagiarize words or information.

Cyber Bullying and Social Networking

- Technology may not be used to disturb or harass others in any way.
- To the greatest extent possible, harassment or unwanted or unsolicited contact by members of the school district is prohibited. Any district member who receives threatening or unwelcome communications should bring them to the attention of a teacher/administrator.
- Students may not create, send, access, or download material that is abusive, hateful, harassing, or sexually explicit.
- The creation of false online identities in order to mislead or cause malice is prohibited.

Consequences

Any violation of this Student Technology Use Agreement should be reported immediately to the district. Students in violation will be subject to any of the following:

- Loss of privileges and access to the district networks.
- School disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Additionally, Richards R-V reserves the right to seek financial restitution for any loss caused through student carelessness or negligence.

Photography for Social Media/School Website

- By signing this form you are consenting to allow your child/student’s picture to be on the School Website or Social Media.

Student Name : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date