



Technology Resource Acceptable Use Agreement

FOR THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Introduction: Technology resources are available to qualifying students at the The Ranches Academy. Technology resources include, but are not limited to, hardware, software, data, electronic textbooks and materials, communication devices, printers, servers, filtered Internet access, and local and wide area networks. This Agreement contains rules and guidelines for the acceptable use of technology resources. All activities conducted using The Ranches Academy technology resources are governed by this Agreement and include, but are not limited to email, Internet, blogging, podcasts, interactive websites such as social networking and Web 2.0 sites, chat rooms, video conferencing, etc.

Purpose: The Ranches Academy provides technology resources for student use to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication, and to prepare for success in life and work by providing students with knowledge and skills regarding the safe and appropriate use of technology resources.

Privilege: The use of technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of suspension or expulsion), and/or referral to legal authorities. The director, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator may limit, suspend or revoke access to technology resources at any time. If a child intentionally damages any technology resource or equipment at The Ranches Academy. The parent may be responsible for replacing technology resources that are damaged as a result of my child's negligence.

Filtering and Monitoring: As required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), content filtering and monitoring technology is used to restrict access to unacceptable materials on all Internet access provided by The Ranches Academy. However, no web filtering technology is 100% safe. Students who intentionally access, publish, or attempt to access or publish inappropriate or illegal material or Internet sites, will be subject to discipline; which may include the possibility of suspension or expulsion. The Ranches Academy has the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store any and all usage of technology resources including transmitted and received information at any time and without prior notice. The use of technology resources is an integral part of today's learning environment. Students have no expectation of privacy in regard to utilization of electronic resources provided by the school. To qualify for use of technology resources, students must abide by the rules of acceptable use. Please work with us in helping your elementary school age child understand and abide by these simple but important rules of appropriate use.

The following is The Ranches Academy Acceptable Use Agreement which will be reviewed with the students prior to technology use each school year. Each student will be required to sign this agreement, and students' signatures will be kept on file at the school.

FOR THE STUDENT

The Ranches Academy provides computers, the Internet, and other technology resources for educational use. As a student, I must act appropriately online and follow these rules:

1. I will only use technology resources with the teacher's permission and for the purpose the teacher requests.
2. I will respect copyright laws and will make sure to show where I found information and will not copy it without permission.
3. I will be polite and show respect and never cyberbully others. I will never post or send messages or pictures that hurt, threaten, or embarrass other people and if someone cyber bullies me or sends me inappropriate pictures or messages, I will tell my parents or teacher right away.
4. I will stay safe on the Internet. When I am on social networking sites, in chat rooms, or on other sites that ask for information about me, I will not share personal information about myself or others like: home address, phone numbers, passwords, personal photos, or Social Security numbers. If anyone on the Internet tries to meet with me, I will refuse, and tell my parents or teachers immediately.
5. I will tell my teacher immediately if I or someone else accidentally opens an inappropriate website or page; or if I see someone breaking any of the rules about using technology resources.
6. I will respect the technology resources and take good care of the equipment I use.
7. I will only use my own passwords that have been given to me by the teacher.
8. I will not put any disks or portable drives into the computer unless they are approved by the teacher.
9. I will not damage any technology resource or equipment at The Ranches Academy.
10. I or my parents may be responsible for replacing technology resources that are damaged as a result of my negligence.
11. I will not buy or sell anything using the school's computers or technology resources.
12. I understand I have no expectation of privacy in regard to utilization of electronic resources provided by the school.