

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
Technology Information Resources in the Schools

The school's information technology resources, including email and Internet access, are provided for educational purposes. Access to the Internet and computer resources is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, users violating this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) may be subject to revocation of these privileges and potential disciplinary action. Adherence to the following policy is necessary for continued access to the school's technological resources:

1. I will respect and protect the privacy of others.

- I will only use accounts that have been assigned to me.
- I will not view, use, or copy passwords and data.
- I will not access networks or websites to which I am not authorized.
- I will not distribute private information about others or myself.

2. I will respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.

- I will follow all network security rules and regulations.
- I will report security risks or violations to a teacher or network administrator.
- I will not destroy or damage data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to me.
- I will not use the school computer to stream audio or video unless I am doing so as part of a class assignment and I am monitored by a teacher or network administrator
- I will conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users.
- I will not use unauthorized websites to gain access to content otherwise blocked by the web filtering device.

3. I will respect and protect the intellectual property of others.

- I will not infringe copyrights I will not make illegal copies of music, games, or movies.
- I will not plagiarize.
- I will follow US Copyright Fair Use understanding.
- I will respect Creative Commons licensing.

4. I will respect and practice the principles of community.

- I will communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
- I will report threatening or discomfoting materials to a teacher.
- I will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass). I understand that participation in such activities, inside or outside the school, resulting in disruption to the learning environment, is subject to disciplinary action according to the school's code of conduct.
- I will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
- I will not use the resources to further other acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct.
- I will not send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
- I will not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business, unless approved as a school project.

If I follow all the rules above, I may:

1. Create content that is posted to websites, wikis, blogs or other web-based tools.
2. Use direct communications such as Internet Relay Chat (IRC), online chat, or instant messaging with a teacher's permission.
3. Use the resources for any educational purpose.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring

School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to protect school property or further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATIONS:

X _____
(Student Signature) (Date)

As the parent of _____ I understand the school policy regarding computer usage and will do the best I can to model your guidelines to my child(ren).

X _____
(Parent Signature) (Date)

- *Parents, please discuss these rules with your child(ren) to ensure he or she understands them.*
- *These rules also provide a good framework for your child(ren)'s use of computers at home, at libraries, or anywhere.*

For more information, see www.cybercrime.gov.