

Technology Use Agreement Policy

Tabernacle Technology Use Agreement - Student Use

Tabernacle School's technology resources (all desktops, laptops, iPads, and portable technology devices including phones, local and network service and connectivity, and email) enable staff members to access and exchange information quickly and efficiently with other staff members, parents, students, and educational resources. When used properly, we believe these resources greatly enhance the school's productivity and provide unlimited resources for education.

This policy applies to all technology resources that are allowed on our campus, that are used by staff, students, guardians, or visitors. This policy applies to all activities using any of the school's accounts, subscriptions, or other technology services, such as voice mail, email, or text messaging, that are conducted from any location on or off campus.

The Tabernacle technology network encompasses all technology resources that are interconnected inside our firewall. All computer resources that are used to access the school's network effectively become part of the Tabernacle electronic network and are therefore subject to the terms and conditions within this agreement.

Acceptable Uses

The computer network at Tabernacle has been configured to allow Internet access for educational purposes. These purposes may include teacher-led discovery, student research activities, and individual technology training. Access to the Internet is filtered on-site to minimize the risk of students encountering disruptive content from inappropriate websites.

Tabernacle School uses a separate network for the students. The student network uses a whitelist of websites that allows student access only to the educational websites that Tabernacle School adds to the list. The staff network has a filter but does not restrict access to search engines, and is not an acceptable network for student use. All of our student devices are restricted to the student network.

The following uses apply to network usage

1. Students may access whitelist websites that the school has opened for student use.
2. Students may use tech resources only when they have a specific assignment requiring their use or explicit permission from a teacher to do so.

3. Student use of the Internet is contingent upon parental permission in the form of a signed copy of this Technology Use Agreement Policy.
4. Students are expected to adhere to the following Internet safety guidelines listed below. Parents, please discuss these rules with your child before signing this document.

These guidelines are required on all school devices

1. Never give out your last name, address, or phone number, and do not exchange pictures or any other personal information with strangers or casual acquaintances.
2. There are many imposters on the Internet - people pretending to be someone they are not. Never agree to meet in person with anyone with whom you may have had online contact.
3. Notify an adult immediately if you receive a message that may be inappropriate, or if you encounter any material that violates this Technology Use Agreement Policy, or if you are unsure.
4. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material that they think would be inappropriate for you to access. Tabernacle expects you to respect your parents' guidance in all matters.

Unacceptable Uses

Tabernacle's tech resources should not be used for personal gain or the advancement of individual views. Students who wish to express personal opinions on local computers or on the Internet are encouraged to obtain a personal account with their parents' consent with a commercial Internet service provider to access the Internet without the use of Tabernacle's resources.

Solicitation for any non-school business or activities using the school's resources is strictly prohibited regardless of the network or device used.

It is prohibited to mask your identity or indicate that someone else is using your email or login account. You should never access any tech resource by using another student's name or password. You should never share your passwords or personal login information with anyone other than your parents or teachers.

Sending, saving, or viewing offensive material is prohibited. Messages stored and/or transmitted by computer, email, text, or phone must not contain content that may reasonably be considered offensive to any student or staff member. Offensive material includes, but is not limited to, sexual comments, jokes or images, racial slurs, gender-specific comments, or any comments, jokes or images that would offend

someone on the basis of his or her race, color, gender, creed, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, veteran status, marital status, medical condition, sexual orientation, as well as any other category protected by federal, state, or local laws. Any use of Tabernacle's tech resources to harass or discriminate is unlawful and strictly prohibited by Tabernacle. Violators will be subject to discipline.

Access and use of Tabernacle's computer systems should be only for school use, as directed by a teacher or staff member. Access to web pages, files, or any other non-school related items will not be tolerated. Students are not allowed to use any computer system unless authorized by a teacher or staff member.

You should not copy and distribute copyrighted materials (e.g., software, database files, documentation, articles, graphics, etc.) by any means unless it has been confirmed from appropriate sources that Tabernacle has the right to copy or distribute the material. Failure to observe a copyright may result in disciplinary action by Tabernacle as well as legal action by the copyright owner.

Students are ***not permitted to connect to an internet network other than the Tabernacle student network*** or create and/or connect to a wireless hotspot (their own or another's) while on campus. Violators will be subject to discipline.

- Internet/Web access is never entirely secure.
- Students may only access computers and iPads during teacher supervised time. Technology should never be accessed without the teacher's knowledge.
- Student personal devices must be stored in backpacks or lockers and are to be turned off. Tabernacle School will not be liable for lost, missing or damaged personal devices.
- Students are not allowed to install software or adjust settings on any of the school's electronic equipment (iPads, computers, printers, etc.).
- Tabernacle School will not be liable for potentially lost, missing, corrupt, or deleted files, for any reason.

Student Responsibilities

Each student is responsible for the content of all text, audio, or images that he/she places on or sends over Tabernacle's network resources. Students may only access files or programs that they have permission to use. Violations of any guidelines in this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from Tabernacle. In addition, Tabernacle may advise appropriate legal officials of any violations. Tabernacle is not responsible for any personal data or equipment.

AI Use At and For Tabernacle Activities

Tabernacle is committed to using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies in an ethical, transparent and responsible manner. We acknowledge that AI technologies have the potential to enhance student learning and engagement, but we also recognize the importance of protecting student privacy and ensuring that the use of these technologies is consistent with ethical considerations. AI is an emerging and rapidly changing technology and the guidelines on its use at Tabernacle will be revised as needed and appropriate.

The use of AI technologies at Tabernacle aligns with our purpose of providing an education that prepares our students for success. AI technologies have the potential to support personalized learning and help teachers identify areas where students need extra support. They can also support research and writing activities and provide opportunities for students to develop skills related to critical thinking, problem solving, and digital literacy.

While AI tools can contribute to brainstorming ideas, exploring possible responses to questions or problems and creatively engaging with class materials and ideas, it is the expectation that all assignments will be fully prepared by the student. Developing strong competencies in the skills associated with each course will prepare students for success at Tabernacle and beyond. Each teacher is responsible for giving clear instructions on the acceptable use of AI in their class(es). It is the responsibility of each student to clearly cite the use of any AI tools anytime they are used. The use of AI without permission and/or the uncited use of AI will be treated as plagiarism.

☐ I have read and understand the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and will follow the guidelines outlined above.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM SIGNED BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

Student's Name: _____ (please print) Grade _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
