

EMERY HIGH SCHOOL | ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Acceptable Use

The purpose for schools having access to the internet is to enhance teaching and learning by providing access to 21st century tools and resources as well as online instruction. Use of another organization's data networks (e.g. cell phone carriers) or computing resources must comply with rules of the network as well as district user policies.

Students will have access to:

- Information, online databases and news from a variety of sources and research institutions
- Variety of District provided web-based and software programs
- Collaborative web-based programs for the purpose of project-based learning
- Online courses and curriculum, academic software and electronic learning resources
- Email within the @emeryusd.org and @ecclk12.org domains to access and share learning resources
- Discussion groups on a wide-variety of topics

Responsibilities

Emery Unified has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to "harmful matter" and to materials that do not support approved educational objectives. "Harmful matter" refers to material that, taken as a whole by the average person applying contemporary statewide standards, describes in an offensive way material that lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code, section 313). The staff will choose resources on the Internet that are appropriate for classroom instruction and/ or research for the needs, maturity, and ability of their students. Emery Unified takes no responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information from internet sources. Use of any information obtained through the internet is at the user's risk.

Network Rules and Etiquette

The use of District technology is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the administration may deny, revoke or suspend specific user access. The use of technology requires that students abide by district rules of network use and etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to anyone.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden.
- Maintain privacy. Do not reveal the personal address, phone numbers, personal web sites or images of yourself or other persons.
- Respect copyrights. All communications and information accessible via the network are assumed to be the property of the author and should not be reused without his/her permission. Plagiarism of Internet resources will be treated in the same manner as any other incidences of plagiarism.
- Do not disrupt the network. The use of anonymous proxies (VPNs) to get around content filtering is strictly prohibited and is a direct violation of this agreement.

Prohibited Uses

Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law, and district policy is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of:

- Information that violates or infringes upon the rights of any other person
- Bullying by using information and communication technologies (cyber-bullying)
- Defamatory, inappropriate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material
- Advertisements, solicitations, commercial ventures or political lobbying
- Information that encourages the use of controlled substances or the use of the system for the purpose of inciting crime
- Material that violates copyright laws

- Vandalism, unauthorized access, “hacking,” or tampering with hardware or software, including introducing “viruses” or pirated software, is strictly prohibited (Penal Code, Section 502). Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges.

Cyber-Bullying

Cyber-bullying is the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio, or video) that intimidates, harasses, or is otherwise intended to harm, insult, or humiliate another in a deliberate, repeated, or hostile and unwanted manner. Using personal communication devices (cell phones) or district property to cyber-bully one another is strictly prohibited and may result in the cancellation of technology privileges and /or disciplinary action.

Cyber-bullying may include but is not limited to:

- Spreading information or pictures to embarrass
- Heated unequal argument online that includes making rude, insulting or vulgar remarks
- Isolating an individual from his or her peer group
- Using someone else’s username/password and pretending to be that person
- Forwarding information or pictures meant to be private

Student Expectations

I have read, understand and will follow this Acceptable Use Agreement. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
(please print)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Laptop Statement of Responsibility for Parent/Guardian and Student

Emery High School has laptops available for students to check out for home use. Should any damage, destruction, or loss of the assigned District laptop occur, the student’s parent/guardian will assume financial responsibility of the device and are responsible for the total cost of replacing a damaged, destroyed, or lost laptop.

Parent/Guardian Acceptable Use Signature

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Emery High School Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of Emery Unified, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I understand and will support my student in adhering to this Acceptable Use Agreement. I am aware that if my child breaks this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of technology privileges and/or disciplinary action. If my student checks out a laptop for home use, I agree to assume financial responsibility of replacing a district laptop should damage or loss occur.

Parent Name: _____
(please print)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____