



GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

The District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by students online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The District's technology resources including, but not limited to, computer hardware, software, network, Internet, Web-based communication resources (such as email, blogs, podcasts, video conferencing, online collaborations, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications or "Web 2.0" applications), and other forms of technology services and products **are provided primarily for educational purposes**. Incidental personal use of the network is acceptable, but students should not use the network for personal activities that consume significant network bandwidth (e.g. streaming of audio or video) or for activities that violate school policy or local law. Although student activity is monitored by District personnel, it is the direct responsibility of the student to comply with this AUP and report any misuse of the District's technology to appropriate District personnel.

STUDENTS MUST:

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others.
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 - o Use only assigned accounts.
 - o Not view, use, copy, or vandalize passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
 - o Not distribute personal information about others or themselves (such as home addresses, personal phone numbers, photographs, video or audio recordings, and specific locations).
3. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
 - o Not disconnect, remove, damage, or destroy any District technology resources.
 - o Not use any technology resources to pursue unauthorized entry into computers and files ("hacking") or attempt to access information protected by privacy laws.
 - o Not connect personal electronic devices to the Internet via the GVUSD wired network.
 - o Not create unauthorized wireless networks to access any GVUSD wireless network. This includes establishing wireless access points, wireless routers, and open networks on personal electronic devices.
 - o Not use anonymous proxies to circumvent content filtering.
 - o Not download unauthorized material.
 - o Not use any Web-based communication resources (such as email, blogs, podcasts, video conferencing, online collaborations, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications or "Web 2.0" applications) other than what is authorized and/or assigned by the District.
 - o Not intentionally distribute viruses, spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
 - o Not engage in commercial or other for-profit activities unless authorized by the District.
3. Respect and practice digital citizenship.
 - o Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
 - o Use appropriate language and graphics.
 - o Not violate copyright law.
 - o Not plagiarize.
 - o Not post or forward personal communications without the original author's consent.
 - o Not send or post anonymous messages.
 - o Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as material that is sexually explicit, obscene, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
 - o Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material or engage in activity that violates any state, federal, or local law.

School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent practicable, access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors over the network. The District reserves the right to examine, use, and disclose any electronic communication or files in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. Students should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network, and/or Internet access or files, including email.

For students at school sites that allow the use of personal mobile electronic communications devices:

Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers and cellular/digital telephones, as well as other mobile electronic communications devices including, but not limited to, digital media players, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, laptop computers, netbooks, and tablets, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities such as cyberbullying or cheating on assignments or tests. All personal mobile electronic communication devices are to be used explicitly for curricular purposes only during instructional time. A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possessing a mobile electronic communications device at school or school-related events and/or may be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, Golden Valley Unified School District does not take responsibility for lost, misplaced, damaged, or stolen personal mobile electronic communication devices. The District will not provide IT support for student-owned devices. Students and parents are solely responsible for these devices. **Please be advised that GVUSD does not have the ability to monitor or limit Internet usage accessed via personal data plans on student-owned devices.** Contact your device’s data provider for information regarding the parental control options available to you. In accordance with the Board’s policy and administrative regulation on search and seizure, a school official may search a student’s mobile electronic communication device, including, but not limited to, reviewing messages or viewing pictures.

The use of a District network account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary action according to the respective school site’s disciplinary policy and/or legal action for the student, including expulsion or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

Students will not be provided access to the District network until this policy is signed and on file at the school site. A parent or guardian signature is required for students under the age of 18. Once signed, this policy remains in effect until the end of the current school year or until revoked by the parent or the student violates the policy or leaves the District.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of the Golden Valley Unified School District:

School Site:	Grade:
Student Name (print):	
Student Signature:	
Parent/Guardian Name (print):	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	