

Student Acceptable Technology Use Policy (K-12)

Paola USD 368 is pleased to offer all students access to district technology. Technology will encompass all media that enhances the educational program for students. Access to technology enables students to become better prepared for their future.

Access to resources around the world makes materials available that may not be considered of educational value. Paola USD 368 realizes it is impossible to control all materials that a student user may discover either accidentally or deliberately. The benefits to students far outweigh the possibility that users may find material that is not consistent with educational goals of Paola USD 368.

Students must have no expectation of privacy when using district technology. All information, browser logs, Web pages, and e-mail created by students shall be considered district property, and shall be subject to unannounced monitoring by district administrators. The district retains the right to discipline any student, up to and including expulsion, for violations of this policy.

This Policy is to ensure that the use of district technology is consistent with the district’s stated mission, goals, and objectives. These terms are provided so students are aware of their responsibilities. Access is a privilege provided to the students of Paola USD 368—not a right. Violation of these terms will result in specified consequences.

Student users are:

- Expected to act in a responsible, ethical, legal, and polite manner while using district technology.
- Reminded that school policies against sexual harassment and other forms of discriminatory harassment apply equally to communication on school computer systems.
- Not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material.
- Not permitted to use any computer resource for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying, or political campaigning.
- Not permitted to tamper physically or electronically with any district technology.
- Expected to know and respect all copyright and intellectual property laws that protect the rights of software owners, artists, and authors.
- Not to use another user’s password. Logging on as anyone other than you, and/or accessing another user’s folders, is not permitted.
- Expected to understand that any computer application, information, Internet browser logs, or e-mail messages in district computer systems are subject to monitoring by the administration. The district retains the right to duplicate any information in the system or on any hard drive.
- Not permitted to install or download any software programs on any computer system
- To understand using any information obtained via the Internet is at the student user’s risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- Will not access the Internet without an approved educational purpose and adult supervision.

Violation of the District’s Acceptable Use Policy could result in the loss of technology access, as well as other disciplinary or legal actions. Student users are subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

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Parent Restrictions Request

Any restrictions to the use of my students name, picture, works or his/her access to the district technologies for educational purposes is described in detail below.

Student’s Name (please print) _____ Parent’s Signature _____ Date _____

Detailed description of any restrictions for the 20__-20__ school year: (To be completed each school year)