



UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

CC Form B – Student Computer Use Agreement

Each school year, each student and his/her parent/legal guardian will be required to sign this "Student Computer Use Agreement."

Computer use is a valuable resource for a student's education. Student use of the school's computer system is a privilege and not a right, which may be authorized as well as withdrawn. Although student use of the school's computer system at school will be supervised by school staff, the school cannot guarantee that students will not gain access to inappropriate material. The school encourages parents/legal guardians to have a discussion with their students about values and how those beliefs should guide student activities while using the school's computers, networks, and Internet access. Use of the school's computers, networks, and Internet access is subject to the terms and conditions of Policy #CC - Computer and Internet Use Policy. Students have a responsibility to insure the following:

1. Student Personal Safety:

- a. When using the school's Internet access, students should not disclose personal information such as home addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers, etc.
- b. Students may use school Internet access for teacher-directed educational activities and limited personal use as defined in policy #CC.
- c. Students may use school Internet access only when authorized.
- d. Student may use the school Internet access only when the school is open and supervision is present.

2. Prohibited Activities:

- a. Students shall not use the school's computer system to engage in any illegal activities, such as harassment, discrimination, defamation, threatening or violent communications and behavior, infringement of copyright or trademark laws, offering for sale, purchase, or use of any prohibited or illegal substances, etc.
- b. Students shall not damage or disrupt the school's computer system.
- c. Students shall not gain, or attempt to gain, unauthorized access to other computers or the school's computer system.
- d. Students shall not plagiarize works or violate copyright or trademark laws.

3. Inappropriate Conduct:

The following are prohibited in public, private, or posted messages or files:

- a. Any inappropriate communications with other students or anyone else that is obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, belligerent, inflammatory, or threatening.
- b. Potentially damaging, dangerous, or disruptive material.
- c. Personal or generalized attacks or harassment.
- d. False or defamatory information.

4. Inappropriate Access to Material:

- a. The school's computer system shall not be used to access material that is obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, harmful, or otherwise inappropriate.
- b. Inadvertent inappropriate access should be reported promptly to the student's teacher or administrator.

5. No Expectation of Privacy:

Students have no expectation of privacy in files, disks, documents, etc., which have been created in, entered in, stored in, downloaded from, or used on the school's computer system.

6. Personal Electronic Devices:

- a. This policy includes but is not limited to the following electronic devices:
 - i. a cell phone which includes a smartphone, feature phone, mobile phone, satellite phone, or personal digital assistant,
 - ii. emerging technology which is a device that can act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cell phone.
 - iii. a smart watch which is a wearable computing device that closely resembles a wristwatch or other time-keeping device with the capacity to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone. A smartwatch does not include a device that can only receive and display notification or information without the capability to respond.
- b. No electronic devices shall be used at school except for before or after school or during a student's lunch period.
- c. Students may have electronic devices in their possession but they must be turned off during the school day.
- d. Electronic devices may be appropriately used before and after school or during lunch. If, however, that device causes a disturbance on school grounds, it may be confiscated.
- e. Students shall not use electronic devices at any time or place for:
 - i. Activities which disrupt the educational environment,
 - ii. Illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations
 - iii. Unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests,
 - iv. Immoral or pornographic activities,
 - v. Activities which violate Board of Trustees policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment,
 - vi. Activities that invade the privacy of others.
- f. Personal electronic devices may be used as described above and according to the following:
 - i. Students may have electronic devices in their possession during the regular school day.
 - ii. The devices must remain out of sight during instructional time and be turned off.
 - iii. If students intentionally use or respond to electronic devices during times or for purposes outside of those described, the device may be confiscated for the school day or until a parent can retrieve the device from a school designated official.
 - iv. Devices may be retrieved by individuals designated by the school. Students may also be subject to school discipline.
 - v. Electronic devices inappropriately used or disclosed may be subject to search by school administration based on reasonable suspicion.

7. Exceptions

- a. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the UCAS administration for the following reasons:
 - i. to respond to an imminent threat to the health or safety of an individual
 - ii. to respond to a school-wide emergency
 - iii. to use the SafeUT Crisis Line
 - iv. for a student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan,
 - v. to address a documented medical necessity that is approved by school administration, or
 - vi. Other reasons approved by the UCAS administration.

8. Violations and Discipline:

- a. In the event that a student introduces a virus to the school network system, the cost of repairing the network may be charged to that student.
- b. In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated Policy #CC or #JK, the student will receive notice of the alleged violation and have an opportunity to present an explanation.
- c. In the event of a violation of Policy CC or JK, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with established Board of Trustees policies and administrative procedures, including losing computer use privileges, suspension, and expulsion.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that a complete policy regarding electronic devices can be found in Policy #CC - Computer and Internet Use Policy. I hereby agree to abide by and comply with all of the said terms and conditions.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

As the parent/legal guardian of this student, I have read and understood the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. I understand that a complete policy regarding electronic devices can be found in Policy #CC – Computer and Internet Use Policy. I hereby grant my permission for this student to use the school's computers, networks, and Internet access.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE