

Germantown Elementary School Acceptable Use Policy 2010-2011

Our vision of technology at Germantown Elementary is to use technology that is available to us as a tool of educational use that will enhance our curriculum, create a technologically advanced community, and help mold productive members of society with 21st century skills.

Germantown Elementary has taken precautions to see to it that all users will be using the Internet and other electronic resources for appropriate educational means. Students' use of the Internet will be supervised by an adult at all times. However, we cannot guarantee that students will refrain from locating inappropriate sources. Germantown Elementary does have a filter that has been set up on our school server that aides in protecting all users.

Access and use of technology at Germantown Elementary is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Germantown Elementary School has the right to monitor user activity in any form that it deems liable to maintain the integrity of the school. Germantown Elementary reserves the right to restrict or terminate network and Internet access at any time.

ONLINE SAFETY and CELL PHONES

Personal information about yourself or others, including name, address, and telephone numbers are not to be given out to anyone on the Internet. All users should report any problems or inappropriate language or graphics. Students should use the searching techniques provided by the teacher to insure online safety. Remember that all users will be held responsible for their actions.

Passwords are never to be shared. No one is allowed to use another's password. Users should not intentionally seek information, obtain copies, or modify files belonging to other users. Students may not download files onto computers without a teacher's approval. Cell phones should be turned off and kept in lockers until 3:05. Phones will be turned into the office for parent pickup if this rule is not observed.

ETIQUETTE

All users are expected to respect the work of others when taking information or pictures from the Internet sites. You should reference your sources and give credit to the owner or it would be considered plagiarism. Laptops should be properly shut down and plugged in so the battery is charged for the next user. Cell phones should not be used for bullying another student.

CONSEQUENCES of VIOLATION

- Suspension/Revocation of Internet access, computer, and network privileges
- School suspension, expulsion, or other set of disciplinary actions
- Legal action and prosecution
- Financial Liability for losses incurred by actions

This form must be returned to school before use of computers will be allowed.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions for Acceptable Use of Electronics Policy.

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____