

TECHNOLOGY USAGE AGREEMENT

FOR THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Technology resources are available for use to all ABLE students. Technology resources include, but are not limited to, hardware, software, data, electronic textbooks and materials, communication devices, printers, servers, internet access, and local and wide area networks. This Agreement contains rules and guidelines for the acceptable use of technology resources. All activities conducted using technology resources are governed by this Agreement and include, but are not limited to email, internet, blogging, podcasts, interactive websites such as social networking and Web 2.0 sites, chat rooms, video conferencing, etc.

Purpose

ABLE provides technology resources for student use: 1) to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication; and 2) to prepare for success in life and work by providing students with knowledge and skills regarding the safe and appropriate use of technology resources.

Privilege

The use of technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of suspension or expulsion), and/or referral to legal authorities. The principal or teachers may limit, suspend or revoke access to technology resources at any time.

Accessing Inappropriate Sites

Students who intentionally access, publish, or attempt to access or publish inappropriate or illegal material or Internet sites, will be subject to discipline; which may include the possibility of suspension or expulsion. ABLÉ has the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store any and all usage of technology resources including transmitted and received information at any time and without prior notice.

The use of technology resources is an integral part of today's learning environment. To qualify for use of technology resources, students must abide by the rules of acceptable use. Please work with us in helping your student understand and abide by these simple but important rules of appropriate use.

Computer Ownership

After completing one school year at ABLÉ, students own their computers. Parents are responsible for the repair or replacement of their child's computer.

Repair and monitoring plans are available through local companies. We are able to assist with acquiring these services.

FOR THE STUDENT

ABLE provides computers, the Internet, and other technology resources for educational use. As a student, I must act appropriately online and follow these rules:

1. I will only use technology resources with the teacher's permission and for the purpose the teacher requests.
2. I will respect copyright laws and will make sure to show where I found information and will not copy it without permission.
3. I will show respect and never cyber-bully others. I will never post or send messages or pictures that hurt, threaten, or embarrass other people and if someone cyber-bullies me or sends me inappropriate pictures or messages, I will tell my parents or teachers right away.
4. I will stay safe on the Internet. I will not share personal information about myself or others like: home address, phone numbers, passwords, personal photos, or Social Security numbers. If anyone on the Internet tries to meet with me, I will refuse, and tell my parents or teachers immediately.
5. I will tell my teacher immediately if I or someone else accidentally opens an inappropriate web site or page.
6. I will respect the technology resources and take good care of the equipment I use.

Agreement and Responsibility

Each student and his/her parent or guardian must acknowledge receipt of the information contained in this Agreement

The combined signatures indicate the student and parent/guardian have carefully read, understand, and agree to follow the terms and conditions of appropriate use.

SIGNATURE PAGE

STUDENT:

My Promise to Follow the Rules:

My parent or guardian has reviewed the Acceptable Use Agreement with me. I understand the importance of being polite, respectful, honest, and the need to obey the rules for the use of the computer, Internet, and other technology resources. If I break these rules, my principal or teacher may take away my privilege to use technology tools and I may have other disciplinary or legal actions taken. I promise to follow the rules.

Student Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand the terms and conditions of use which my student must follow. I understand my child may be disciplined for inappropriate or unacceptable use of technology resources. I also understand that I am financially responsible for the repair and replacement of the provided computer once the computer belongs to my child (after attending ABLE for one school year).

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND RETURN SIGNATURE PAGE TO ABLE.