Computer & Web-based Usage Policy

Technology Use

Technology is an integral part of a student's educational experience and must be used in a way that is consistent with the goals of Student Leadership Academy and Sarasota County Schools. Technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, cell phones, other electronic devices (smart watches), software, e-mail, the Internet, other network resources, and cameras. Student use of technology is a privilege, and they are responsible for using technology appropriately. This includes the use of school equipment and software away from school grounds.

The following are inappropriate and/or illegal uses of technology:

1. Photographing or using photographs of individuals without their knowledge or consent.
2. Accessing or distributing offensive, inflammatory, pornographic, or obscene images, language, or materials, including screensavers, wallpapers, and/or pictures on school-owned technology or on any other electronic device brought to school.
3. Transmission of any material in violation of federal, state, or local law, or Sarasota County School Board policy, regulation, or Code of Student Conduct. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening, obscene, or pornographic material, vandalizing data, test questions and/or answers, student work products, trade secrets, and computer viruses, "worms," or "trojans".
4. Utilizing technology for commercial activities unless explicitly permitted by the Student Leadership Academy.
5. Printing and/or downloading music, games, videos or inappropriate files during school hours.
6. Modifying the school or district's original pre-set software or hardware, including, but not limited to, loading software applications not authorized by the school district, changing the computer name, changing or removing the operating system and extensions, bypassing/attempting to bypass or altering security/filtering software or the pre-loaded operating system or application, taking apart the computer for access to internal parts or accessing/altering password.
7. Using e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, or other technology operations to threaten, disrupt, or interfere with the safety and welfare of the school community.
8. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to the school or district's network, servers, or data files.
9. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to non-school and/or non-district networks, servers, or data files utilizing district equipment.
10. Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user or reposting and copying personal communications without the author's prior consent, when using computer network access.
11. Attempting to log on to the school's network using another person's identity.
12. Using computers, networks, and online telecommunication systems unrelated to students' educational systems. This includes the prohibition of plagiarism, reproduction of state- or teacher-made tests, textbooks, teaching materials, non-authored text, cheating, and theft of ideas.
13. Accessing or distributing offensive, obscene, inflammatory, or pornographic material.

14. Using network access to destroy information that belongs to others.
15. Copying personal communication to others without the original author's permission.
16. Copying software or other copyright-protected materials in violation of copyright laws.
17. Using the network for any illegal activity or private business purposes or accessing inappropriate websites.
18. "Hacking" into the school's computer systems or unauthorized modification of computer settings. These acts will be considered vandalism and disruption of a school function and will be treated as such.
19. Using technology to threaten, harass, or bully other students or staff.
20. Using a computer, video, camera, or program in any manner other than for appropriate educational purposes.

Violations will result in serious disciplinary actions, which may include an arrest if any criminal law is broken. Examples of such violations are computer hacking or trespassing, harassment, threats via computer, or computer fraud.

Web-based Service Acknowledgement:

For Student Leadership Academy to continue to provide your student with effective web-based tools and applications for learning, we must follow federal regulations that require a parental signature as outlined below. Our school utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services, not operated by the school, but by third parties. These include Achieve 3000, Blackboard, TeacherEase, Adobe Creative Cloud, IXL, Big Ideas, and other educational programs. For our students to use these programs and services, certain personally identifiable information (eg. the student's name, email address, and username) must be provided to the website operator.

Under federal law entitled the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complyingcoppa-frequently-asked-questions#General Questions

When completed, this form will be kept on file and will constitute consent for the Student Leadership Academy to provide personally identifiable information for any student under 13 who will be accessing these services. To give consent, please sign below. If you do not want your student to participate in these programs, please advise.

Signing below is an agreement to the above stated Technology Use Policy.

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Parent/Guardian Signature   **Student Signature**

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name   **Student Printed Name**