

PLATO R-V SCHOOL DISTRICT
Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

****Both Parent/Guardian and Student Must Sign Form on the Back Page****

Computer and Internet usage in the Plato R-V School District is solely to support research and education in accordance with the objectives of the Plato R-V School District. Students and staff have the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every user in the district and on the internet. The Plato R-V School District believes that it is important to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including cyberbullying awareness and appropriate interaction with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and has taken steps to incorporate this information in the appropriate curriculum areas. In addition, all Plato R-V School District staff and students are responsible for reading and following this policy.

Unacceptable Uses of Computers and Internet

The use of the computers and Internet is considered a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of these privileges. Specifically, the following uses of Plato R-V School District technology resources are prohibited:

1. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state laws.
2. Vandalism in attempts to harm, alter, or destroy computer hardware, software, data of another user, or other agencies or networks.
3. Use of external storage devices brought from other sources other than the district, which intentionally or unintentionally create or disseminate any type of malicious software program known as malware.
4. Harassment of other users.
5. Using another's network account.
6. Use of personal or Internet email during class time is not allowed unless the use is part of a class assignment.
7. Use of inappropriate, abusive, or threatening language in messages.
8. Revealing passwords, phone numbers, addresses, or other personal information of the school, yourself, or others.
9. Disruption of the use of the network by others.
10. Use of hate mail, discriminating remarks, and other antisocial behavior.
11. Student use of the network or Internet without permission from an instructor.
12. Use of computer for non-academic activities.
13. Accessing material containing profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, expressions of bigotry, or hate, or information that is related to destructive matters (making of bombs, drug paraphernalia, or terrorism, etc.)
14. No student is allowed to download, and/or install any type of software to any school district computer without prior approval of the district technology coordinator.
15. Accessing chat rooms is not allowed at any time.
16. Downloading and/or installation of malware.

Privately Owned Devices

Students using privately owned devices must follow the policy stated in this document while on school property, attending any school sponsored activity, or using the school network.

1. Personally owned technology devices shall be at the sole responsibility of the user. Limited technical support may be provided.
2. The district reserves the right to monitor and log all network activity of personally owned technology devices.
3. The district reserves the right to make determinations on whether specific uses of the personally owned technology devices are consistent with the district's Technology Policies.
4. The district reserves the right to confiscate personally owned technology devices in the event of a legal hold.
5. Personally owned technology devices may not disrupt the educational process, endanger the health or safety of the user or any other user, or involve illegal or prohibited conduct in any way.
6. Users shall have filtered Internet access for educational use only.
7. Users are prohibited from using personally owned technology devices in dressing rooms, locker rooms, bathrooms, and other locations that are deemed private in nature by the Building Administrator.
8. Users shall not attempt to intercept or interfere with the transmission of the wireless network.
9. Users shall not attempt to compromise network security in any manner. Sharing or unintentionally stealing IP address information is strictly forbidden.
10. Users are not to attempt sniffer programs, IP spoofing, or other deceptive networking practices.
11. Users are responsible for reporting lost or stolen devices as soon as they are aware of such an event.
12. The district shall not be held responsible for any physical, hardware, or software damage to personally owned technology devices. This includes computer viruses and virus related activities, including worms, spam, and pop-ups. Should a personally owned technology device which has been deemed appropriate for use by both the Building Administrator and the Technology Department be lost, stolen, or damaged in any way, the school district shall not be held financially liable and will not reimburse the owner for the property nor shall the district reimburse or share cost for repairs.
13. Users must allow district personnel to physically access the personally owned technology devices so that the district's wireless access key can be inputted, updated, or removed.

Personnel Responsibilities

The Plato R-V School District personnel are expected to be familiar with the school district's policies and rules concerning student computer and Internet use and to enforce them. It is the responsibility of Plato R-V School District personnel to directly supervise students and monitor computers in the use of the Internet and other Plato R-V School District technologies. All Plato R-V School District personnel who utilize school technology for instructional purposes with students have a professional responsibility to help students develop the skills necessary to identify information sources appropriate to their age and developmental levels and to evaluate the information needed to meet their educational goals. Students are not permitted to use the Internet without direct adult supervision. When, in the course of their duties, personnel become aware of student violations, they are expected to stop the activity immediately and inform their building principal or immediate supervisor.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

The Plato R-V School District denies responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information found on the Internet. Any decision by the Plato R-V School District to restrict access to Internet material shall not be deemed to impose any duty on Plato R-V School District to regulate the content of material on the Internet. The Administration reserves the right to review any material on user's accounts to make determinations on inappropriate uses of the network. The administration will decide what is inappropriate use and their decision will be subject to appeal only to the Plato R-V Board of Education. Violators of acceptable use practices may have their rights to use the computer network suspended or terminated and may find themselves subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with the district's discipline policy.

I have read the Plato R-V Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that violations of the policy provisions may result in revoking my use of the internet, further disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action.

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____