

GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

The District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by students online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The District's technology resources including, but not limited to, computer hardware, software, network, Internet, email, and other forms of technology services and products are provided primarily for educational purposes. Students are required to follow this policy and report any misuse of the District's technology to appropriate District personnel.

STUDENTS MUST:

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others.
 - Use only assigned accounts.
 - Not view, use, copy, or vandalize passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
 - Not distribute personal information about others or themselves (such as names, addresses, phone numbers, photographs, video or audio recordings, and specific locations).
2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
 - Not destroy or damage data, networks, equipment, or other resources.
 - Not use any District computer to pursue "hacking" or attempt to access information protected by privacy laws.
 - Not download unauthorized material.
 - Not use any email system other than what is authorized and assigned by the District.
 - Not use District approved email to subscribe to e-mail lists, newsletters, social networks, or other services that generate large volumes of automated email.
 - Not use District approved email to send text messages to cell phones.
 - Not intentionally distribute viruses, spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.
 - Not violate copyright law.
 - Not plagiarize.
 - Not post or forward personal communications without the original author's consent.
4. Respect and practice the principles of community.
 - Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
 - Not send or post anonymous messages.
 - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as material that is sexually explicit, obscene, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
 - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material or engage in activity that violates any state, federal, or local law.

Students may not engage in the following activities unless they have the approval of District administration and may only do so under the direct supervision of District personnel in accordance with the policies above:

1. Design and post web pages, blog entries, and other similar material.
2. Play educational games.
3. Buy, sell, advertise, solicit, or otherwise conduct business.

School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent practicable, access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors over the network. The District reserves the right to examine, use, and disclose any electronic communication or files in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. Students should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network, and/or Internet access or files, including email.

Disclaimer: The District provides no guarantees regarding the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of the District’s network are to be borne by the user. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author’s individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY:**

The use of a District network account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary action according to the respective school site’s disciplinary policy and/or legal action for the student, including expulsion or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

Students will not be provided access to the District network until this policy is signed and on file at the school site. A parent or guardian signature is required for students under the age of 18. Once signed, this policy remains in effect until the end of the current school year or until revoked by the parent or the student violates the policy or leaves the District.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of the Golden Valley Unified School District:

School Site:	Grade:
Student Name (print):	
Student Signature:	
Parent/Guardian Name (print):	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	

I have received my network password for the 201_ - 201_ school year:

Student Signature:	Date:
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