

# **GOLD TRAIL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT**

The Gold Trail Union School District authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary for instructional purposes. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all students to use technology responsibly to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

Each student who is authorized to use district technology and the student's parent/guardian shall sign this Agreement, which indicates that the student has read and understand the agreement.

## **Definitions**

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computer hardware, software, or software as a service provided or paid for by the district, whether accessed on or offsite or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices, including tablets and chromebooks; computer servers, wireless access points (routers), and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi); the Internet; email; applications (apps), including AI apps; telephones, cellular telephones, smartphones, smart devices, and wearable technology; or any wireless communication device, including radios.

## **Student Obligations and Responsibilities**

Students are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. The student in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

Students shall not gain unauthorized access to the files or equipment of others, access electronic resources by using another person's name or electronic identification, or send anonymous electronic communications. Furthermore, students shall not attempt to access any data, documents, emails, or programs in the district's system for which they do not have authorization.

Students are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, create, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying")
3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, email, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person
4. Share confidential information or personally identifiable information with an open artificial intelligence (AI) system of themselves, another student, staff member, or other person
6. Violate the direction of teachers or other staff members, age restrictions, or the intended use of the technology
7. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
8. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, changing settings on shared computers)
9. Install unauthorized software
10. Hack or circumvent district firewalls, filters, or system security. Unauthorized access of district systems and data is strictly prohibited.
11. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

## **Privacy**

Since the use of district technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of

privacy in any use of district technology. The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, Internet searches, browsing history, use of AI, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by a student on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

### **Google and Third Party Apps**

GTUSD uses Google Workspace for Education, a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and other Google and third-party services like YouTube, Google Translate and Google Maps. At GTUSD, students will use their Google Workspace for Education accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills. You can read the Google Workspace for Education Privacy Notice online at [https://workspace.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://workspace.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html).

### **Personally Owned Devices**

If a student uses a personally owned device to access district technology, the student shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

### **Reporting**

If a student becomes aware of any security problem (including, but not limited to, a cyberattack, phishing, or any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information), or misuse of district technology, the student shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other district personnel.

### **Consequences for Violation**

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

### **STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my student shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my student to use district technology and/or to access the school's computer network and the Internet. I permit GTUSD to create/maintain a Google Workspace for Education account for my student and authorize access to the additional Google and third-party services. I understand that, despite the district's best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, district, district personnel, and the Board against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my student's use of district technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the district. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my student's use of their access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)