

Introduction:

The White Mountains Regional School District (WMRSD) is committed to providing students and staff with access to technology to enhance learning and development. To ensure responsible and effective use of technology, WMRSD has established this Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA). This AUA outlines the expectations and responsibilities of all users when accessing WMRSD technology and network, including the Internet, desktop computers, mobile devices, email, social media, and other online tools. All users must comply with the following rules to ensure the responsible use of these resources and to maintain the district's compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

1. **Internet Filtering:** The school district is required by CIPA to filter internet access to prevent access to harmful or inappropriate online content. All internet activity will be monitored and subject to filtering to ensure compliance with CIPA. Users shall not attempt to bypass the web filter and should report any concerns to IT staff.
2. **Security:** Users are expected to take reasonable safeguards against the transmission of security threats over the school network. This includes not opening or distributing infected files or programs and not opening files or programs of unknown or untrusted origin. If you believe a computer or mobile device you are using might be infected with a virus, please alert the Information Technology Department. Do not attempt to remove the virus yourself or download any programs to help remove the virus.
3. **Unauthorized Access:** Users shall not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the WMRSD network, servers, or other systems. Additionally users shall not attempt to gain unauthorized access to other systems or compromise the security of **ANY** network.
4. **No Expectation of Privacy:** Users should have no expectation of privacy when using the school district's technology resources. The district reserves the right to monitor, access, and review any data stored or transmitted on its networks and devices at any time.
5. **Educational Purposes Only:** The technology resources provided by the school district may only be used for educational purposes. Non-educational use, including but not limited to personal or commercial use, is strictly prohibited.
6. **Responsibility for Content:** Users are responsible for the content they access, create, and share using the district's technology resources. Any material that is illegal, inappropriate, or violative of school district policies and procedures is strictly prohibited.
7. **Respect for Others:** Users must respect the rights of others and use technology resources in a manner that does not interfere with the educational opportunities of others. This includes but is not limited to the prohibition of harassment, bullying, and discrimination.
8. **Password Protection:** Users are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their passwords and should not share them or write them down in locations that can be viewed by others. Passwords must be changed based on the IT Department's policy or direction.
9. **Personal Safety:** Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the

Internet without adult permission. Never agree to meet with anyone you meet online in real life. If you see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes you concerned for your personal safety, bring it to the attention of an adult (School Staff/Parent or Guardian)

10. **Legal Compliance:** Users must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to those related to copyright and intellectual property.
11. **Student/Staff Issued Devices:** White Mountains Regional School District may provide users with mobile computers or other devices. Users should abide by the same acceptable use when using school devices off the school network as on the school network. Users are expected to treat these devices with extreme care and caution; these are expensive devices that the school is entrusting to your care. Users should report any loss, damage, or malfunction to IT staff immediately. Users may be financially accountable for any damage resulting from negligence or misuse.
12. **Personally-Owned Devices:** Use of personally-owned devices must adhere to local school policies and guidelines. Personally-owned technology devices should not be used on the educational network provided by the WMRSD. A separate guest network (wmsrd-guest) may be provided for personally-owned devices. IOT (Internet of Things) devices are not permitted on the guest network. This includes but is not limited to devices for streaming or personalized assistants. Check with the WMRSD IT department before trying to connect any device other than a laptop / mobile phone to the guest network.

Consequences

Users who violate this Acceptable Use Agreement will face consequences, which may include but are not limited to:

1. Revocation of technology privileges.
2. Disciplinary action in accordance with district policies and procedures.
3. Reporting to law enforcement authorities as required by law or school policy.
4. Financial or legal liability for damages resulting from misuse or neglect of district technologies.

Conclusion

By using the school district's technology resources, users acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the terms of this acceptable use agreement. Failure to comply with these terms may result in disciplinary action and the revocation of technology privileges. The district reserves the right to modify this agreement at any time without notice.

I have read and understand this agreement and understand the consequences for violations.

Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date:** _____

If you are a staff member of the WMRSD please sign below and return.

Staff Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this signed portion to school.