

GALESBURG AUGUSTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL DEVICE ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT – STUDENT/PARENT

This agreement covers access to and use of electronic devices (personal or otherwise), computer-based technologies, and Internet services.

Galesburg Augusta Community Schools (GACS) offers student accounts to access the Educational Network. This document contains the terms and conditions of use that a student agrees to follow when using technology provided by Galesburg Augusta Community Schools. "Student" is defined as any individual attending any educational institution served by GACS.

Purpose and Acceptable Use

- Use of any student account must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of GACS. The Superintendent of GACS and his designees, may at any time make determinations that particular uses are/are not consistent with the purpose of GACS.
- The term "**educational purpose**" is the guiding factor for all activities and includes classroom activities, career development, and limited, high-quality, self-discovery activities.
- GACS retains the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material users' access or post through the use of technology. In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, GACS has implemented internet filtering software to help deter access to "non-educational" websites. In addition, users are expected to abide by the rules set forth by GACS and all applicable Federal and State laws.
- This policy places restrictions on accessing inappropriate material. However, there is a wide range of material available on the Internet, which may not be appropriate for students. It is not practical or possible for GACS to monitor and enforce the wide range of social values represented on the Internet. GACS recognizes that parents bear primary responsibility in specifying to their child(ren) what is not acceptable for their child(ren) to access through GACS technology.
- Access to GACS Technology is a privilege and not a right. Users must be considerate to other users.
- The district will provide each student with a login ID and password for accessing the networks. The student will protect the password, provide for its security and will not share this information with other students.

Unacceptable Use

Using the guiding statement of "educational purpose", some specific examples of prohibited use are shown below. However, this policy does not attempt to demonstrate all behaviors. Behaviors that are considered unacceptable may result in termination of Internet access and/or the general use of technology as provided by the GACS. Depending upon the severity of a user's inappropriate action(s), disciplinary action of up to and including student expulsion may occur as decided by GACS. The following examples are considered unacceptable:

- Users will not provide or purchase products or services through GACS technology.
- Use of obscene, profane, lewd, abusive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, or bullying language is prohibited.
- GACS prohibits access to or posting of material that is pornographic, advocates illegal acts, purchasing of drugs, violence related or discrimination towards other people (hate literature). For student users, a special exception may be made for hate literature if the purpose of such access is to conduct research and the monitoring teacher approves access.
- Users who can identify a security problem on the GACS Technology Systems must notify GACS Teacher or Administrator and not demonstrate the problem to other users.
- Plagiarism and copyright infringement is prohibited. Users shall not take ideas or writings of others and present them as if they were their own. Respect the rights of copyright holders.

- GACS highly encourages users not to transmit personal information about himself/herself or others, such as their: name, address, phone number, or school address. For personal safety, users should not arrange to meet anyone contacted over the Internet in person.
- Unauthorized access to GACS Technology Systems or any other computer system through or going beyond intended authorized access is prohibited. Users shall not access another person's material, information or files without permission.
- Users agree not to intentionally attempt to disrupt GACS Technology Systems or destroy data accessible through GACS systems by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.

Using a Device Outside of School

The student device is Wi-Fi ready and will connect to any Wi-Fi network, whether at home, school, or inside a business or public network. All Internet traffic, regardless of where the device is connected, will be filtered through the District's Internet filter. If a student attempts to 'by-pass' this function, their technology privileges will be suspended, asked to forfeit their device to Administration, and/or disciplinary action.

Repairing or Replacing a Device

All repairs and replacements must be arranged through Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools. If your device is lost, damaged, or having technical issues, please report this to your teacher or office staff immediately. User will be responsible for any damaged or broken devices.

The following chart represents the replacement costs for lost or damaged devices:

Repair/Replacement:	Cost:
Total Device Replacement	\$195
Screen	\$50
Key Pad	\$45
Power Charger/Cable*	\$15

Liability

- GACS makes no warranties or assurances of any kind, whether expressed or implied that the functions or services provided by or through GACS will be error-free or without defect. GACS will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries or service interruptions caused by GACS negligence, user error or omission. GACS does not guarantee and is in no way responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through or stored on the GACS Technology System. Use of any information obtained is at the user's own risk. GACS shall not be responsible for any financial obligations arising from the user's unauthorized use.
- GACS will not be responsible for any financial obligations arising from the user's use of GACS Technology Services to purchase personal product(s) or service(s).

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I hereby release GACS, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising out of my use of, or inability to use GACS Technology, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from unauthorized use of the system.

I have carefully read and fully understand the terms and conditions of this agreement. I agree to follow the terms and conditions in this agreement. I understand that if I violate any of the terms or conditions of this agreement my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

I further understand that I am responsible for any financial obligations arising from my unauthorized use of GACS Technology to purchase products or services.

I hereby give consent to GACS for the interception of my electronic communications as it deems necessary for compliance with this agreement and any applicable laws.

Student Signature

Student First Name M.I. Last Name Grade Date of Birth
(Please Print)

Student User Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

I hereby give consent to GACS to intercept my child's electronic communications as it deems necessary for compliance with this agreement and any applicable laws.

I hereby release GACS, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising out of my child's use of, or inability to use GACS Technology systems, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from unauthorized use of the system.

I understand it is impossible to restrict my child's access to all potentially controversial materials. I agree not to hold GACS responsible for any information or materials acquired by my child through the GACS Technology system.

I further understand and agree that I am fully responsible for any financial obligations arising from my child's use or unauthorized use of GACS Technology Services to purchase products or services.

I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Do you currently have sufficient WiFi access at home? _____