

Amherst Exempted Village School District Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students

Providing students with a 21st century digital learning environment is a vital part of supporting a successful education within the Amherst Exempted Village School District. An established Acceptable Use Policy will provide students, teachers, staff, parents and the community of Amherst Exempted Village School District a safe and comprehensive technology program. The School District will provide tools, resources and content necessary to promote critical thinking skills, enhance problem solving strategies while making content engaging, relevant and meaningful to teachers and students. The district will enable education technology in all content areas while encouraging, collaborating, and communicating with the school community. However, the operation of the technology relies heavily on the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to guidelines stated below.

1. **Acceptable Use-** Use of the internet and tools will be in support of the education objectives of the Amherst Schools.
 - a. Students will only use district assigned passwords to login to the internet and devices.
 - b. Students are prohibited to view, use or copy passwords, data or networks to which they are not authorized.
 - c. Students are not allowed to use other people's passwords.
 - d. Transmission of any material in violation of an U.S. or state regulation is prohibited, such as: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material.
 - e. Use of approved personal, non-disruptive devices to enhance learning in the classroom will be pursued when deemed appropriate at each school building and teacher's discretions.
2. **Network Etiquette-** Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of etiquette while utilizing technology.
 - a. Use appropriate language.
 - b. Do not use the network in a way that will disrupt others.
 - c. District email is private to the user. However, the district has full access to school email.
 - d. Notify an adult if you encounter materials that violate the appropriate use.

- e. Users will not engage in any illegal activity.
 - f. Students will not use devices to cheat or plagiarize. Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to materials entered into and obtained via the Internet and other electronic resources.
 - g. Cyberbullying; when kids bully, embarrass, threaten or harass others using any interactive technology, will not be tolerated.
 - h. Students will not maliciously attempt to harm, deface or destroy any part of district or personal technology resources.
3. **Consequences**- Any user violating this agreement or applicable state and federal laws or posted classroom and District rules, is subject to loss of privileges and any other appropriate District disciplinary action will be taken.
- a. The Amherst Schools will cooperate fully with local, State or Federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to any illegal activities.
 - b. Disciplinary actions will be tailored to meet specific concerns related to the violation and to the assist the student in gaining the steps necessary to behaving appropriately while using technologies.
 - c. Student consequences of violations may include but are not limited to temporary loss of computer access, revocation of computer access, possible legal action and/or consequences in relation to the building Parent/Student Code of Conduct.

District Limitation of Liability-Amherst School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages a user may suffer. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the misuse or unauthorized use of district or personal technologies.

Print Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____ Homeroom _____