

Technology Use Agreement for Students

PURPOSE: White Stone Academy may provide and assign students a device for use at home as a means to promote achievement and provide flexible learning opportunities. Students will also be allowed to bring devices from home for academic use. *This agreement extends to all devices used on campus.* This policy provides guidelines and information about White Stone Academy's expectations for students and families who are being issued these computing devices. Additional rules may be added as necessary and will become a part of this policy.

Our expectation is that students will responsibly use White Stone Academy's technology and that they understand the appropriate and acceptable use of both the technology and White Stone Academy's network resources. We also expect that students will make a good faith effort to keep their White Stone Academy-issued devices safe, secure and in good working order. Our policies and procedures include the following specific responsibilities and restrictions.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Adhere to these guidelines each time the device is used.
2. Use appropriate language in all communications, refraining from the use of profanity, obscenity, and offensive or inflammatory speech. Communication, using either the White Stone Academy-owned or personally owned technology, should be conducted in a responsible and ethical manner. Cyberbullying, including personal attacks or threats toward anyone, should be reported to school personnel.
3. Respect the Internet filtering and security measures included on the device. All school-provided devices are configured so that the Internet content is filtered when the student is on any school, public, or private network.
4. Only use technology for school-related purposes.
5. Follow copyright laws and fair use guidelines and only download or import music, video or other content that students are authorized or legally permitted to reproduce for school-related work.
6. Students should be aware that Internet access and email, and other media that are accessed, created or stored on their devices are the sole property of the White Stone Academy. The White Stone Academy has the right to inspect any messages or files sent or received to or from any Internet location using White Stone Academy technologies. Files stored and information accessed, downloaded or transferred on White Stone Academy-owned technology are not private insofar as they may be viewed, monitored, or achieved by the White Stone Academy at any time.
7. Return (including the charger) the device and carrying case (if supplied) upon transferring out of school, at the end of the year, or when instructed to do so.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT

1. Mark, deface or place stickers on the device.
2. Reveal or post identifying personal information, files or communications to unknown persons through email or other means through the Internet.
3. Attempt to override, bypass or otherwise change the Internet filtering software, device settings or network configurations.
4. Attempt access to networks and other technologies beyond their authorized access. This includes attempts to use another person's account and/or password or access secured wireless networks.
5. Share passwords or attempt to discover passwords.
6. Download and/or install any programs, files or games from the internet or other sources onto any White Stone Academy-owned technology.
7. Tamper with computer hardware or software, attempt unauthorized entry into computers, and/or vandalize or destroy the computer or computer files. Intentional or negligent damage to computers or software may result in criminal charges.
8. Attempt to locate, view, share or store any materials that are unacceptable in a school setting. This includes but is not limited to pornographic, obscene, graphically violent or vulgar images, sounds, music, language, video or other materials. The criteria for acceptability are demonstrated in the types of material made available to students by administrators, teachers and the school media center.

DISCIPLINE

Each violation will be considered with respect to the circumstances within which it occurred. The following sanctions will apply:

- Violations may result in a limited or immediate total loss of technology use privileges.
- Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building level in line with the Student Handbook. This may include suspension and/or evaluation for expulsion.

Penalties will be administered based on the severity and frequency of the offense. Students have the right to due process following White Stone Academy policy.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____