

2016-2017 Gull Lake Community Schools Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Year of Graduation

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I do **NOT** wish to allow my student to use the Internet while at school. I understand though, during certain curricular activities, my student must use school computers and the District's network resources.

This agreement covers access to and use of electronic devices (personal or otherwise), electronic resources and Internet access.

Gull Lake Community Schools (GLCS) offers students and staff accounts for access to electronic resources. This access is provided in order to promote educational excellence within GLCS by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Access to the Internet will be provided according to established procedures, guidelines and law.

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, GLCS has implemented Internet filtering mechanisms. However, please know there is a wide range of material available on the Internet, which is not appropriate for students. It is not practical or possible for GLCS to monitor and enforce the wide range of social values represented on the Internet. GLCS recognizes parents bear primary responsibility in specifying to their student what is or is not acceptable.

Access to electronic resources is a privilege and not a right. GLCS may discipline students or take away their right to use the Internet and electronic resources at school if the student misuses this privilege. Students are responsible for their own actions while on the Internet or while using GLCS resources.

All materials, communications (including email), files, visited Internet sites, and device use may be monitored or read by school officials.

GLCS uses Google Apps for Education (GAFE) as our primary means of communication and collaboration. Upon acceptance of this guideline, a GAFE account will be created. All accounts and communications are tracked and are archived. **Students in the K-5 grades will have GAFE email accounts which will only be allowed to communicate with other Teachers, Staff, and Students within GLCS. K-5 students will not be able to send or receive email outside of the school district.**

Purpose and Acceptable Use.

- The term "**educational purpose**" is the guiding factor for all activities, which includes classroom activities, career development, and high-quality educational self-discovery activities.
- Electronic resources must be used in an educational manner to support Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Cooperation, and Communication.

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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 unacceptable behaviors. Behaviors considered unacceptable may result in termination of Internet access and/or the general use of electronic resources provided by GLCS. Depending upon the severity of a user's inappropriate action(s), disciplinary action up to and including student expulsion may occur.

The following examples are considered unacceptable:

- Sharing of Usernames and Passwords is not allowed.
- Providing personal information such as Name, Address, Phone Number or Gender is not safe and not allowed.
- Purchasing or selling of products and services by students is not allowed.
- Hiding or falsifying your identity is not acceptable.
- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, threatening or offensive language is not to be used. Electronic communications will not contain profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, or expressions of bigotry, racism, or hatred.
- Plagiarism and copyright infringement are prohibited. Ideas or writings of others are not to be used without the permission of the author.
- Gaining unlawful access to another person's resources or organizational resources as well as knowingly circumventing or trying to circumvent security measures is not allowed.
- Making malicious attempts to harm or destroy data of any person or GLCS resource is unlawful and not allowed.

Student's Agreement.

Along with the above acceptable and unacceptable use statements, I will report any violations of this guideline I have knowledge of to my teacher or school official.

I understand I may be held responsible for any or all damage incurred as a result of my negligent or inappropriate use of resources.

I understand Gull Lake Community Schools is not responsible or liable for any harm, damages or charges which result from my use of electronic resources, including loss of data, interruption of services, corruption of files or programs, purchases, hacking or other violations of this guideline.

I have read the guideline as written above, and understand fully and agree to follow the principles, guidelines and rules it contains. If I did not understand the meaning of any part, I have asked an adult to explain it to me.

Parent's Agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the guideline written above. I understand access to electronic resources at school for students of Gull Lake Community Schools is provided for educational purposes only. I understand Gull Lake Community Schools has installed Internet filtering technology and has taken other actions as required by Federal law to protect against minor's access to materials on the Internet that are harmful, obscene, child pornographic or otherwise inappropriate. However, I further understand Gull Lake Community Schools cannot prevent such access in all cases, and I agree I will not hold the Gull Lake Community Schools or its employees responsible for materials my son or daughter acquires or sees. By signing, I give my permission to Gull Lake Community Schools for my son or daughter to use the Internet and electronic resources while on school property.

Gull Lake Community Schools reflects the general trend of society towards a digital information based culture. If I do not consent to the above rules or I do not wish for my student to access the Internet, I have indicated my desire by checking the box stating “I do not wish to allow my student to use the Internet while at school.”