

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

COCKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Student

All Cocke County Schools students have access to technology resources such as, but not limited to, school system devices, school Google/email accounts, computer networks, digital textbooks, online software platforms, and the Internet. This technology is the most effective way we have found for introducing students to the global nature of information and to enhance learning. It allows users to find, synthesize and share information in a variety of unique ways. Users must take care of school district devices, not knowingly or negligently transmit computer viruses or spam, or degrade or disrupt system performance. The School Board intends that students benefit from these resources while remaining within the bounds of safe, legal, and responsible use.

The Internet has come about because groups of individuals have chosen to network their computers in order to share information. A small minority have made objectionable materials available over the Internet. Cocke County School System takes every precaution to restrict access to this information. However, an industrious user may discover it. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may obtain unsuitable material. Disciplinary action will be taken against users found sending or acquiring objectionable material over the Internet. This policy applies regardless of whether such use occurs on or off school district property and to all school district technological resources included but not limited to school system devices, school Google/email accounts, computer networks, digital textbooks, online software platforms, and the Internet.

Please remember the following:

- ❖ Never write down or share your password or district subscribed access codes!!!
- ❖ All network communication must be polite, kind and free from inappropriate language.
- ❖ Email, communications, social media, or stored files are not private.
- ❖ Email may be checked and is archived for a period of at least one year.
- ❖ Information such as name, addresses, phone numbers, birthdate, financial, or any other personal information shall not be given to anyone online such as in social media, in chat rooms, on the Internet, etc.
- ❖ No attempt to tamper with school district devices, other people's data, or gain unauthorized access to accounts or files on the networks, including the Internet, is permitted.
- ❖ Cocke County School System does not own the copyright on any of its software, trademarks, confidential records, or public records. Unless expressly authorized by the copyright owner(s), you do not have the right to reproduce or copy it. Copyright infringement is prohibited.
- ❖ The access, creation, transmission, or printing of depictions which are Obscene or Pornographic is illegal and in violation to this agreement. Questionable material should be immediately referred to the classroom teacher.
- ❖ Cyberbullying as well as harassing, insulting, defaming, or attacking others is in violation to this agreement. These instances may lead to disciplinary action.
- ❖ All internet and email actions are monitored, and violators will be disciplined accordingly.
- ❖ If you are unsure about any use of the networks or Internet, ask the classroom teacher.

**** Any violation listed above may result in a revocation of internet and/or email (Google) account privileges while using any resource of the Coker County School System. The student may regain that privilege by attending special counseling. With cause, any violation of this policy could possibly result in expulsion from the Coker County School System***

I understand that my email (Google) account, school system device, network and Internet use at Coker County School System is a privilege and not a right, and that my use of this privilege may be revoked at any time for any reason.

As a condition of my use of email (Google) account, school system device, computer networks, digital textbooks, online software platforms, and Internet use, I will abide by the above Terms and Conditions set forth in this document, and by any future terms or conditions that may be developed.

With my signature, I understand the following and violation of the policy as listed could lead to disciplinary action being taken against me, up to expulsion from the Coker County School System:

- 1. I understand disciplinary action will be taken if I am found abusing my email (Google) account, school system device, computer networks, digital textbooks, online software platforms, or Internet privileges.**
- 2. I understand that school system device, computer networks, digital textbooks, online software platforms or Internet use at Coker County School System is a privilege and not a right and that my use of this privilege may be revoked at anytime with cause.**

According to U.S. copyright law, unauthorized reproduction of software is a federal offense. Offenders can be subject to civil damages of as much as \$100,000 per title copied, and criminal penalties, including fines up to \$250,000 per work copied, and imprisonment up to 5 years per title copied.

As a student, I have read and understand the Terms and conditions of this policy.

Name _____ School _____

User Signature _____ Date _____

(If you are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement)

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read and understand the Terms and conditions of this policy.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

