

## Cocke County Schools Digital Citizenship Pledge

Read all items on the Digital Citizenship Pledge and check all boxes to acknowledge agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will use school computers and Internet for educational purposes. I will commit to only using Internet sites that are related to my educational growth.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Internet is filled with other people's work. I commit to citing my information and giving credit to the author. I commit to the legal use of music and media that properly acknowledges and compensates its creators.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Internet is forever. Therefore, I realize my pictures and comments can follow me throughout my life. I understand that if I send a picture or message over the Internet that it becomes public. Even if I have privacy settings enabled the person receiving the information can screenshot and use it to hurt me later on. I choose to only send images and messages that I would be willing to make public.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my school technology use can affect my college and career plans. Employers, recruiters, and college admissions officers will research my social media profiles. Questionable or inappropriate posts will affect my ability to get a job and/or scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that kindness and respect are just as important on the Internet as they are in the classroom. Behind every user profile is a real person and cyberbullying is just as damaging as face-to-face fighting. I choose to use appropriate language when using technology. Furthermore, I understand that if I choose to cyberbully others that the recipient can save the message and use it as evidence against me. I will report cyberbullying I experience or witness to proper authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the power of privacy. My Cocke County Schools System log-in information links everything on that account directly to me. Therefore, I will not allow others to use my account and will completely log out of my device to ensure that other students do not commit harmful acts under my name. My Cocke County Schools System password and information are for my personal use and should not be shared with anyone, even a best friend or sibling, for any reason.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will proceed with caution when communicating with people on the Internet I do not know. I should never give away my personal information, including full name, address, school, birthday or age to anyone online. I will never arrange a meeting with anyone I do not know in real life/have met online.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand my online activities have real world outcomes. The "me" that I create online will become my daily real-world self. My internet choices are my real-life choices.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Individual users of the school district's technological resources are responsible for their behavior and communications when using those resources. Responsible use of school district technological resources is defined as use that is ethical, respectful, academically honest, and supportive of student learning. Each user has the responsibility to respect others in the school community and on the Internet. Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

Student signature

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Parent/guardian signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_