

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR  
“TECHNOLOGY PRACTICES AGREEMENT”**

**INTRODUCTION**

Spartanburg School District Four is pleased to be able to provide students access to technologies that enhance and enrich the educational process. Providing access to Internet resources, email capabilities, media centers with automated cataloging systems, satellite instructional television programming, and well-equipped keyboarding and curriculum labs helps facilitate the learning process.

Access to these forms of technologies is a privilege, not a right, and comes with expectations of appropriate actions and responsibility. The following guidelines have been developed to ensure that all technology is used appropriately.

**ACCEPTABLE USE**

Spartanburg District Four’s goal in providing access to various technologies is to promote the teaching and learning process in our district. The purpose of utilizing technologies is to allow for an expanded opportunity to develop, practice, remediate, and reinforce classroom skills. The use of technology in support of these educational objectives of the school district is the definition of acceptable use.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TECHNOLOGIES**

Students agree to:

1. Use technology equipment only with permission from a teacher.
2. NOT deliberately tamper with, vandalize, destroy, or steal technology equipment.
3. NOT install any software to the network or to an individual computer.
4. NOT delete, alter, or willfully corrupt network programming.
5. NOT use technology programming or equipment for personal gain, for product advertisement, or for political lobbying.

**INTERNET ACCESS**

The Internet of the World Wide Web is an electronic highway linking computer all over the world. The Internet provides instant access to a wealth of current information and educational materials and allows for worldwide communication. Students agree to:

1. Use the resources for legitimate educational purposes.
2. NOT use the computer to view or download obscene or other inappropriate materials.
3. NOT download files, images, or text to a printer, floppy disk, or hard drive without the permission of the supervising teacher.
4. Use only the software provided by the district for Internet access.
5. Keep private any personal information about themselves or friends, such as name, address, or telephone number.
6. Correspond on Internet only with the direct supervision of a teacher and only by using a generic email address provided by the teacher.
7. Be polite in all communications, and use no abusive, profane, vulgar, or other inappropriate language.

**PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER USE**

The use of all technologies in Spartanburg District Four is a privilege, not a right. Failure to follow the guidelines listed in this agreement could result in these privileges being denied. Disobeying the Technology Practices Agreement rules and guidelines carries the same consequences for misconduct which are set forth in the Student Handbook. (At WHS, a student who violates the technology agreement will receive six demerits and will be banned from using the Internet and email for the remainder of the school year.)

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**ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN AT REGISTRATION.  
PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE INTERNET USAGE(S) FOR YOUR CHILD.**

- In class with teacher supervision       Independent usage       None at all

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_