

Princeton Charter School

Technology

Acceptable Use Contract

2016-2017

Please read and review the attached “Acceptable Use Policy” with your child. Upon completion, both parent and child must sign the contract below detach and return on the first day of school.

PLEASE KEEP THE POLICY SHEET AT HOME FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES.

USER APPLICATION/CONTRACT: I certify that I have read the Princeton Charter School’s Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). I understand and agree to follow its terms and conditions for technology use. I understand any violation of the technology AUP will result in the loss of Internet access and /or my account; may result in other disciplinary action; and may constitute a criminal offense. I agree to report any misuse of the technology resources to my teacher. I use school technology entirely at my own risk, and I hereby release Princeton Charter School from any claims arising from my use of the Internet.

USER/STUDENT NAME (Please Print): _____

USER/STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **GRADE:** _____

DATE: _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN: As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read Princeton Charter School’s Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and this contract. I understand that access to the Internet and school technology resources is designed for educational purposes. I understand that controversial material is available on the Internet, and I permit my child to use the Internet despite this potential availability. I will not hold the School responsible for materials my child acquires on the network. My child uses the Internet and school technology at my child’s own risk and at my own risk. I hereby release the School from any claim arising from my child’s use of the Internet and school technology. I agree to report any misuse of the online resources to a School administrator. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child’s use is not in a school setting. I understand that my child’s violation of the School’s Internet and technology AUP will result in the loss of Internet access and/or my child’s user account; may result in other disciplinary action; and may constitute a criminal offense. I hereby give my permission for my child to access the Internet and school owned technology, and I give permission to Princeton Charter School to issue an account to my child. I certify that the information contained on this application is correct.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (please print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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The computer network at Princeton Charter School provides a wealth of resources. The goal is to promote innovation and education excellence by using these resources for research and communication. All students in Princeton Charter School have access to these resources, including basic computer applications and Internet access.

With the Internet, students and teachers have access to:

- Up-to-the-minute information from worldwide sources
- Public and academic libraries
- Research institutions, organizations and museums

The Internet connects thousands of computers all over the world, making available a virtually limitless supply of information, most of which is educationally valuable and personally and culturally enriching. However, because the Internet is an unregulated information network, it also makes available ideas and information that may be objectionable. Since access points can and do change rapidly, it is not possible for Princeton Charter School to protect individuals from offensive or disturbing information. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the individual user to immediately retreat from such material and when appropriate, report the offensive site to your teacher or the head of school.

The use of technology at Princeton Charter School should be consistent with the goals of our school. Therefore, all school rules, particularly those pertaining to academic honesty, plagiarism and copyright laws, are applicable.

1. **PRIVACY.** Accessing the accounts and files of others is prohibited. Doing so is no different than burglary.
2. **ACADEMIC HONESTY.** Ideas, text, images, programs and sounds are all considered intellectual property and their source should be documented. The use of illegal or pirated software and information is prohibited.
3. **SAFETY.** No one should provide personal information (addresses, phone numbers, credit card numbers, passwords, etc.) about themselves or others via the electronic network. Nor should they arrange meeting with strangers.
4. **RELIABILITY.** Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Princeton Charter School is not responsible for the quality or content of information available via the Internet.
5. **COURTESY.** Students accessing the network are representatives of Princeton Charter School and are expected to behave accordingly. Do not do anything that will reflect negatively on yourself or the School.
6. **SECURITY.** Attempting to subvert network security, to impair functionality of the network, or to bypass restrictions set by the network administrator is prohibited. This includes using someone else's password and assisting others in violating the rules.
7. **LEGALITY.** Using the network for commercial purposes, product advertisements, political lobbying, or in support of illegal activities is prohibited.
8. **PRIVILEGES.** Use of computer resources is a privilege, not a right. Any misuse of these resources may result in the loss of computing privileges and could lead to further disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.
9. **PERSONALIZATION.** Students are not allowed to download and store any material that is not directly related to the academic program of Princeton Charter School. This includes but is not limited to: changing or modifying desktops, icons, screen savers, office assistant icon, etc.

10. **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs).** At the present time, students are allowed to use personal electronic devices before entering the school building in the morning and after school, i.e. after 3:15pm. If students bring such devices to school, cellphones, smartphones, tablets, iPads, laptops, or other personal mobile technology devices must be stored in students' lockers during the school day. Whenever and wherever students use personal electronic devices, students are expected to adhere to the PCS Code of Conduct: New Jersey's Harassment Intimidation and Bullying Law includes cyber-bullying that happens on school grounds and off school grounds.
11. **LIABILITY.** The school assumes no liability for personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school.