

# STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

## Intermediate-Senior (Grades 7-12)

### STUDENT CONSENT

I agree to:

- I have read and understood Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board's (the Board's) Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (the Agreement) and recognize that it is based on Policies and Administrative Procedures governing my use of technology resources and that these documents are available on the board's website.
- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions described within the Agreement and the requirements outlined in AP 313 - Student Acceptable Use of Technology and AP 314 - Personal Network Devices.
- I recognize that failure to comply with the Agreement may result in the loss of computer and/or network access privileges, financial compensation to the Board and other disciplinary actions consistent with the School's Code of Behaviour, Board Policy and/or legal authorities.
- Not use any social media platform at school.
- Unless explicitly permitted by a teacher, personal mobile device will be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during class time.

And for devices I own, I further agree to:

- Protect my device from loss, damage or theft.
- Keep the device software up to date and legal, i.e. commercial software has been purchased.
- Ensure that software and firmware is up to date as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Not run or host servers on my device, including web servers, ftp servers, mail servers, file sharing and peer to peer.
- Give my device (including my cell phone) to an adult in my school if requested.

STUDENT NAME (PRINTED): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

- I have read and understood the Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board's Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (the Agreement) and if applicable, the Board's Personal Network Device policy.
- I recognize that this Agreement is designed for my child's grade level and that the full policies and administrative procedures governing my child's use of technology are available on the board's website or from my child's school.
- I will emphasize the ethical and responsible use of technology and caution my child about unsafe communication with others on the internet.
- I will ensure that media and software on my child's Personal Network Device(s) has been purchased and is legal.
- I grant permission for my child to access networked information technology, inclusive of the internet and e-mail for educational purposes. I am aware that my child will be given instruction in the proper use of the internet at school and further recognize that I am responsible to supervise my child's use of the computer and internet at home.
- I understand that the Board will not service my child's Personal Network Device, nor will it be liable in the event that the device is lost, stolen, damaged or otherwise rendered inoperable.
- I understand that the Board will from time to time and without prior notice to the student, access and/or monitor the Board's Electronic Information Systems.
- I understand my child is not to use any social media platform at school. Unless explicitly permitted by a teacher, my child's personal mobile devices will be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during class time.

PARENT NAME (PRINTED): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Information Collection Authorization:

The information contained on this form has been collected under the authority of the Education Act R.S.O. 1980, as amended and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1989. Information from this form will be used to enforce appropriate use of the internet and information technology in accordance with 313 - Student Acceptable Use of Technology. The contact person for queries regarding this information is the Manager of Computer Services.

COPIES: (1) Student OSR (2) Parent (upon request)

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (the "Board") to ensure that the Internet and the board's Information Technology are used to support learning in a manner that is consistent with the Board mission statement, Catholic values and guiding principles.

### 1.0 Purpose of the Wide Area Network

- Use of the information technologies owned or operated by the Board must be used for the purpose of conducting Board business or the provision of an educational program.
- Use of the Board's Wide Area Network and its connection to the Internet for advertisement or monetary profit must have Board approval.
- The Board will from time to time and without prior notice to the student, access and/or monitor the Board's Electronic Information Systems.

### 2.0 Network Etiquette and Citizenship

- The Board provides access to the internet for educational activities defined in the instructional plans of our teachers.
- Users will not post, publish, or display any defamatory, abusive, threatening, sexist, racially offensive, profane, obscene, sexually oriented, illegal and other material found to be offensive.
- The sending or storage of offensive messages from any source is prohibited.
- Users shall not copy information or software in violation of copyright laws.
- Only designated board staff are authorized to download and install software or executable(.exe) programs on board issued devices.
- Board accounts will only be integrated with board approved 3rd party applications.
- Software and resources downloaded will be used only under the terms and conditions specified by the owner or creator of those resources.
- It is prohibited for a user to post messages and attribute them to another user.
- Users will not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the user.
- Regularly backup important data to prevent loss in case of technical issues or unforeseen circumstances.
- Report any technology-related incidents, issues, or concerns to the designated school authorities.

### 3.0 Vandalism

- Transmission of any software having the purpose of damaging computer systems and files (i.e. computer viruses) is prohibited. All software and files downloaded must be systematically checked for viruses before being placed on a school's network.
- Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of any person, computer or network linked to the Board's Wide Area Network is prohibited and will result in financial compensation to the Board and/or the pursuance of criminal charges and/or other disciplinary action consistent with the School Code of Behaviour, Board Policy and/or legal authorities.
- Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Board's system or to any other computer system through the Board's system, or go beyond their authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or accessing another person's files. These actions are illegal.
- Take care of school-provided devices and report any damages promptly to ensure proper maintenance.

### 4.0 Security and Personal Safety

- Users may not share their passwords or accounts with others and must make all efforts to safeguard this information from unauthorized users.
- Users are permitted to access only authorized technology and resources as defined by the board policy.
- Users must not attempt to bypass or circumvent security controls in place, including but not limited to firewalls, filters, or access restrictions, to ensure the integrity and security of the school's technology infrastructure.
- Users are advised to refrain from giving out personal information, such as their family name, email address, home address, school name, city, country or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.
- Users will not post identifying photos or videos.
- The Board reserves the right to block access to sites and to conduct regular checks of the system as deemed appropriate.
- Embrace the responsibilities of digital citizenship by promoting positive online interactions, respecting privacy, and being mindful of the impact of online actions.
- Exercise caution and integrity when utilizing generative AI and other tools, ensuring originality, respecting intellectual property rights and being mindful of personal information shared.

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### 5.0 Inappropriate Material

- Interactive Internet gaming will not be accessed through the Board Internet Service unless it is a board approved education application.
- Upon access to or receipt of material that is educationally inappropriate and contrary to the Board's Mission Statement, the user shall immediately turn off the monitor and report the incident to the classroom teacher, staff and or immediate supervisor.
- Social media and any type of social media platform is not to be accessed at school.

### 6.0 Violations

- Violation of the acceptable use policy may lead to a thorough review of offboard account or board technology activity logs to assess the nature and extent of the violation.
- If content or files contain material that are in violation of the acceptable use policy, they may be subject to review and removal.
- Repeated or serious violations may result in the loss of access to technology resources, including accounts and devices, to maintain a secure and positive digital environment.
- Severe or persistent breaches of the acceptable use policy may warrant disciplinary action, including suspension or other appropriate measures, to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all.
- Engaging in activities that violate the acceptable use policy and/or the law may result in legal action being taken against the responsible party, in addition to other consequences deemed necessary by the school administration.

### 7.0 Definitions

- Personal Mobile Device - a device that is both portable and capable of collecting, storing, transmitting or processing electronic data or images. Examples include but not limited to laptops, tablet PCs, personal digital assistants (PDAs), smart watches and "smart" phones. This definition also includes storage media, such as USB hard drives or memory sticks, SD or CompactFlash cards, and any peripherals connected to the device.