

RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY BY STUDENTS

The Miami-Dade County school district provides students technological resources for the purpose of enhancing and supporting the educational environment. Students are encouraged to use these technological resources to enhance their learning experience and to ultimately benefit their education. When using these technological resources, students are expected to use these resources in a safe, legal, and responsible manner. The following guidelines describe what the District considers to be responsible use of its technological resources and what constitutes appropriate conduct on social media (Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, etc.):

RESPONSIBLE USE:

- Only select appropriate names for use on social media. Students must avoid using names that may be obscene or offensive to others.
- When using social media, remember that everyone is entitled to respect. Never attempt to bully, harass, embarrass, or humiliate other users, other students, or any other person.
- Be safe and seek to keep others out of danger. Protect yourself and others by immediately reporting abuse, threats of violence or of harm to others.
- Be responsible in your communications with others. Do not transmit, post, or forward any text, e-mail, picture of yourself or others or any photographic image, that is inappropriate, obscene, defamatory, or which is illegal to possess or maintain on one's computer or other device. Remember to only post content that is not illegal, obscene, defamatory, threatening, infringing of intellectual property rights (respect copyrights and trademarks), invasive of privacy or otherwise injurious or objectionable.

Please keep in mind that anything posted on social media may never disappear, no matter how many times it is deleted, and may have a negative impact on the student posting the information or material for many years after the information or material is posted or transmitted to others.

DISTRICT ACTION & EXPECTATIONS

Responsible use of Miami-Dade school district technological resources is expected to be ethical, respectful, academically honest, and supportive of the school's and District's mission. Each student computer user has the responsibility to respect every other person in our school community and on the Internet. Digital storage and electronic devices used for school purposes are considered extensions of the physical school space and a part of the school's educational environment.

School or District administrators, or their designees, may review files and communications (including school electronic mail) to insure that users are using the system in accordance with District's Acceptable Use policy. Students should not expect that files stored on school or District servers, hard drives or disks are private.

- I understand, accept, and agree that the purpose of the Miami-Dade County school district's computer and network system is educational and any other uses are prohibited and inappropriate.
- I understand and agree that use of the Miami-Dade County school district network is a privilege and not a right.
- I understand that violation of School Board Policy 7540.03 may result in disciplinary action, up to and including, termination of network privileges, expulsion, civil or criminal prosecution.

Student Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Student's Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____