

Red River Valley School Division
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE F9 -
ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY (STUDENT)



The Red River Valley School Division Board of Trustees acknowledges the important role that Technology plays in education, and that there must be guidelines established for the protection of our students. RRVSD is committed to educating responsible citizens who RESPECT, EDUCATE, and PROTECT themselves and others.

The use of technology in the Red River Valley School Division is a privilege, not a right. Any action by a user specifically prohibited in this document or determined by a system administrator to constitute an inappropriate use of a computer system or network system, which includes cyberbullying, is subject to consequences. Depending on the seriousness of the user's offense, consequences will be administered as stipulated in the school handbook/code of conduct.

Part A: Student Responsible use of Technology Agreement

As a student of the Red River Valley School Division, I will:

- Use the electronic information system for educational purposes only.
- Not attempt to harm, modify without system administrator approval, gain unauthorized access to division systems or data, destroy software, or interfere with system security.
- Avoid accessing, not create, nor forward inappropriate or offensive online material.
- Protect my personal identity, and not reveal any such information online.
- Respect the privacy of others, and not share their personal information online.
- Obtain permission of individual(s) before sharing any photographs or videos about them.
- Not use technology to degrade, defame, bully or harass others.
- Follow copyright laws and fair use guidelines for electronic content.
- Not post, or download illegal software, music, movies or content.
- Report any concerns, misuse, or abuse of technology to my teacher or school designate.
- Take full responsibility for, and respectfully use any technology available to me.
- Use personal technology only when permission is granted, and keep it stored away when not in use.
- Abide by all copyright, trademark, and license restrictions.
- Connect only to school-approved Wi-Fi sources or networks.
- Turn off all peer-to-peer software (music, video, file-sharing) when using personal technology at school.
- Follow all School Policies and Student Handbooks/Code of Conduct as written.

In addition to the above, the Board recognizes that activities that may be considered harmful can also take place on other personal electronic devices. Cyberbullying is defined as the use of

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technology to bully, embarrass, threaten or harass another. It also includes the use of information and communication technology to engage in behavior that is derogatory, defamatory, degrading, illegal and/or abusive.

As such, students must:

- Refrain from any behavior that may be considered cyberbullying
- Understand that e-mail should not be considered absolutely secure or private.
- Not reveal student personal information.
- Understand that computer activities may be monitored and tracked.

Student Cell Phone Use

Students have the right to learn in a safe, effective and welcoming learning environment with limited distractions and where the potentially harmful impacts of online platforms and cell phone use are minimized.

RRVSD aims to cultivate an optimal learning environment that minimizes distractions and promotes focused engagement in all school activities. By following provincial guidelines and prohibiting the use of cellphones during school hours, we seek to foster a culture of attentiveness, active participation, and respectful interaction among students and teachers.

Early/Middle Years (Grades K-8)

- Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are banned from using cell phones during school hours, inclusive of breaks and lunch.
- These grades are considered Cell Phone Free learning environments.

High School (Grades 9-12)

- Grades 9 to 12 students are banned from cell phone use during class time and may be permitted to use cell phones during break times/lunch as well as for educational purposes, when directed by classroom teachers.

Exceptions will be made for students with documented medical needs and other extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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Part B: Parent/Guardian Agreement

As a parent or legal guardian of the student listed on this form, I fully understand, accept, and support the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (as outlined in Part A), and have reviewed the applicable sections of this form with my child.

- I understand and accept that the Red River Valley School Division will not assume legal liability for the inappropriate or illegal use of divisional technologies by my child.
- I acknowledge that this agreement allows for my child to be given access to the Internet for educational purposes. This includes the use of, but is not limited to, web and mobile-based applications/services. I also recognize that RRVSD cannot filter or restrict access to all unacceptable materials found on the Internet. Students are educated regarding online safety, and best practices of digital citizenship. As a safeguard, student internet access is screened through network content filters. School staff will do their utmost to ensure students arrive at appropriate websites.
- I agree to report any unacceptable online behavior of my child to the school principal or designate. This includes, but is not exclusive to, communication or postings that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal activities, racism, hatred, harassment, or inappropriate language.
- I will respect and uphold the provincial guidelines regarding cell-phone use in schools.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian or Student Signature: _____

(Students under the age of 18 require a Parent/Guardian Signature)

*This consent shall remain in effect as long as your child is registered with the
Red River Valley School Division – applicable for Grades K-12.*

*Each year, you will receive a reminder of the permissions you have granted on this form,
and be informed of any changes to this agreement.*

*If a situation arises that causes you as a parent/guardian to be concerned about your child's privacy or
safety, please contact the school principal immediately to make changes to your permissions. You may
rescind the permissions granted on this form, at any time.*

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