

## **BYOT Acceptable Use Policy**

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. For purposes of BYOT, "Technology" means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic devices that includes, but is not limited to, laptops, netbooks, iPod touch, tablets (iPad, Samsung Galaxy), and enhanced ereaders that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, and sound recording.

### **Availability of Access**

Access to RCS's technology resources, meaning internet access, network, and equipment, is a privilege not a right. Access shall be made available to students for instructional purposes only.

### **Security and Damages**

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. RCS, its staff or employees, is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations.

### **Internet**

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as cell phones or smart phones are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.

### **Rule for Appropriate/Inappropriate Use**

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her internet device at school, and when abused privileges will be taken away.

- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- Bringing on premise or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized information is in violation of this agreement.
- Printing from personal devices will not be permitted at school.
- Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school. Charging devices will be available on a limited basis and is at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- Students will not use someone's account without permission and/or transmitting and receiving information with said account.

- Pretending to be someone else when posting, transmitting, or receiving messages is not allowed.
- Using inappropriate language, posting inappropriate pictures, accessing inappropriate materials is prohibited.
- Student should not post personal information about themselves or others, such as address, phone numbers, and full name unless otherwise specified by an RCS staff member.
- Students should not make appointments to meet in person people met online.

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Use**

Noncompliance with applicable regulations will result in, but not limited to a) a suspension of accounts and/or access to RCS technology resources; b) revocation of accounts and/or access; c) disciplinary action consistent with student handbook policies.

### **Reporting Violations**

Immediately report any known violation of RCS's acceptable use policies to a supervising teacher, administrator, or other staff member. You must report requests for personally identifying information or contact from unknown individuals as well as any content or communication that is abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually orientate, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.

### **Monitored Use and Filtering**

Email transmissions and other use of electronic communications shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time designated by staff to ensure appropriate use for educational or administrative purposes.

***I understand that my use/my student(s)' use of the RCS's technology resources is not private and that RCS will monitor my student(s)' activity. I have read the acceptable use policy and agree to abide by the regulations of this policy. I hereby release RCS, its staff, and any of its affiliated institutions from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of or inability to use these resources.***

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_