Russell County Schools
Responsible Use Student Contract

All technology resource use will be governed by the requirement that it must add to the standards-based educational experience and growth of the user and not disrupt the educational process in *any* way.

The Responsible Use Policy outlines the guidelines and behaviors that users are expected to follow when using school technologies or when using personally-owned devices on the school campus.

- The RCSD's network is intended for educational purposes only.
- All activity over the network or using district technologies may be monitored and retained.
- Access to online content via the network may be restricted in accordance with our policies and federal regulations, such as the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- Students are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online and offline.
- Misuse of school resources can result in disciplinary action.
- Russell County Schools makes a reasonable effort to ensure students' safety and security online but will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from use of school technologies.
- Users of the district network or other technologies are expected to alert staff immediately of any concerns for safety or security.

Students will keep personally-owned devices (including laptops, tablets, smartphones, and cell phones) turned off and put away during school hours. They must be turned off and only in use with permission. Students will not be allowed to bring chargers to charge devices. Electronic communication devices and other digital devices will not be allowed to be present in standardized testing situations based on State Department of Education Policy. Neither the Russell County Board of Education nor local schools are responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Examples of Acceptable Use

- Use school technologies for school-related activities.
- Follow the same guidelines for respectful, responsible behavior online that I am expected to follow offline.
- Treat school resources carefully and alert staff if there is a problem.
- Encourage positive, constructive discussion if allowed to use communicative or collaborative technologies.
- Alert a teacher or other staff member if I see threatening, inappropriate, or harmful content (images, messages, posts) online.
- Use school technologies at appropriate times, in approved places, for educational pursuits.
- Cite sources when using online sites and resources for research.
- Recognize that use of school technologies is a privilege and treat it as such.
- Be informed about online safety and be cautious to protect the safety of myself and others.
- Help to protect the security of school resources.

This is *not* intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should exercise good judgment when using school technologies.

Examples of Unacceptable Use

- Using school technologies in a way that could be personally or physically harmful.
- Attempting to find inappropriate images or content.
- Engaging in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others.
- Trying to find ways to circumvent the school's safety measures and filtering tools.
- Using school technologies to send spam or chain mail.
- Plagiarizing content I find online.
- Posting personally-identifying information, about myself or others.
- Agreeing to meet someone I meet online in real life.
- Using language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- Using school technologies for illegal activities or to pursue information on such activities.
- Attempting to hack or access sites, servers, or content that is not intended for its use.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technologies.

Any user who violates this policy may have computer/Internet privileges revoked at any time and without prior notice. Student users are also subject to discipline according to the Russell County Student Code of Conduct. Any illegal use will also result in civil and/or criminal liability.

I have read and understood the Responsible Use Policy and agree to abide by it:

_____(Student Printed Name)

_____(Student Signature)

_____(Date)

I have read and understood the Responsible Use Policy with my child:

_____(Parent Printed Name)

_____(Parent Signature)

_____(Date)