

## Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement

All students are required to sign the appropriate acknowledgement form of the VFES Internet Acceptable Use Agreement prior to accessing VFES network resources. Students and staff members may not use the VFES computers for access to the Internet without this completed form. The student form must also be signed by the student's parent or guardian.

Failure to receive a student's signed agreement will not prevent a student from participating in internet-based programs that are a mandatory part of instruction (e.g., Measures of Academic Progress MAP).

VFES has the right to examine, monitor and regulate all files, communications, and activity on its network resources. All files, communications, and activity transmitted or otherwise conveyed by VFES network resources are not private and open to review. Any student, staff member, agency employee, or visitor who operates any technology while on VFES property, regardless of ownership of the technology, must abide by this Policy at all times.

VFES complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and employs filtering that blocks Internet access to content defined in CIPA. Any unauthorized attempt to by-pass the filter is a violation of this policy and subject to loss of privilege and/or disciplinary action.

Network Resources may NOT be used for any of the following:

- Any illegal purpose as defined by state and federal law
- Commercial, for-profit purposes, product advertisement or political lobbying
- Hate mail, discriminating remarks, offensive inflammatory communication or offensive language or graphics
- Intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords or data belonging to other users
- Abuse, modify or destroy or attempt to modify VFES network resources, hardware, software, and the configuration of the same
- Download, upload, create or distribute unauthorized and/or obscene materials, games, programs or other electronic media
- Impersonate another user or use pseudonyms
- Fraudulent copying, communications, or modifications of materials in violation of copyright laws
- Disrupt the work of other users
- Bullying or Cyber Bullying (see VFES Bullying & Cyber Bullying Policy)
- Students are prohibited from accessing or viewing the following content while using VFES network resources on campus or participating in VFES-sponsored programs:
  - Sites with nudity and/or pornography
  - Sites which promote violence
  - Sites which provide information on performing criminal or unethical acts
  - Sites which promote or provide information on the use of illegal drugs
  - Sites advocating or promoting discrimination or intolerance
  - Sites which promote gambling
  - Sites which promote possession or the use of illegal weapons
  - Sites containing materials that are harmful to minors
  - Sites containing materials which are demeaning, harassing, abusive, threatening or embarrassing to other users
- Any other sites that VFES may deem, on a case-to-case basis, to be inappropriate in a school setting

The electronic information available to students does not imply endorsement of the content by VFES, nor does VFES guarantee the accuracy of the information received on the Internet. VFES shall not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet. VFES makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the network and Internet service it is providing.



## 2019-20 Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement Student Acknowledgement

By signing below, I certify and acknowledge the following:

- Valley Forge Educational Services (VFES) has provided me with the VFES Acceptable Use of Technology policy and I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to comply with all terms of this policy.
- I agree that the use of the VFES network resources is a privilege, and not a right. Inappropriate, unauthorized, and/or illegal use will not be tolerated and violations will be addressed.
- I understand that violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the loss of access privileges, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Name (print)

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Home Room Teacher

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Student Signature

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## Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I understand that internet access is designed for educational purposes. Even though VFES has implemented filtering and monitoring software that protects against my child's access to offensive sites, I recognize it is impossible for VFES to restrict access to all controversial materials and, therefore, will not hold VFES responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Please check one:

- I approve of my child having internet access at school.
- I do NOT approve of my child having internet access at school.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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