

**Seashore Charter Schools**  
**Seashore Middle Academy (Grades 5-8) and Seashore Learning Center (Grades K-4)**  
**Technology Acceptable Use Agreement**

Seashore Charter Schools (SCS) has the ability to enhance the educational environment for our students by providing access to various forms of technology. Our goal is to provide access to electronic mail, Google drive, up-to-the-minute news and current events, discussion groups, searchable resources such as university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, NASA, and museums. **It is impossible to control all materials and information that are provided on any worldwide network.** SCS, together with the Education Service Center, takes precautions to restrict access to objectionable materials. However no system is foolproof. Parents/guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children follow when using media and information sources. SCS expects efficient, ethical and legal utilization; the consequences of misuse will be disciplinary action.

Based on the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), school officials are authorized to provide consent on behalf of parents for use of an educational online program, application or website. SCS is committed to providing educational opportunities through COPPA compliant educational companies.

**Terms and Conditions**

**Privilege:** The use of the school network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of that privilege, and it will be the student’s responsibility to insure that any assignments are still completed if that privilege is revoked. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the school will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final.

**Acceptable Use:** The purpose of Internet access and other online services is to support educational objectives by providing resources for student research, collaboration, and instruction.

**Internet Etiquette:** The user is expected to follow these generally accepted rules:

- Be polite when communicating with others. Do not write or send abusive messages to anyone. This is considered cyberbullying. **Cyberbullying** is defined in legal glossaries as:
  - actions that use information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm another or others
  - use of communication technologies for the intention of threatening or harming another person
  - use of internet service and mobile technologies such as web pages and discussion groups as well as instant messaging or [SMS](#) text messaging with the intention of threatening or harming another person
- Use appropriate language – NO swearing, vulgarities, or other inappropriate language, including emoticons, smileys, graphics or abbreviations.
- No chat programs, such as MSN Messenger or Yahoo Messenger should be downloaded or used.
- No personal websites, such as myspace.com, are to be created or maintained without written consent, and are to be used for school-related projects with supervision and only as a “private” site, not available to the general public viewing.
- For internet safety, do not reveal personal information such as full names, phone numbers, birth dates or addresses.

- **All e-mail, browsing history, and other network use is randomly monitored and not assumed to be private. Messages relating to or supporting illegal activities will be reported to an administrator and the proper authorities.**
- Do not use the network in a way that can disrupt its use by others.
- No downloading of unauthorized programs, shareware, graphics or files, as these could contain viruses.
- Do not change desktop background or any other setting that was originally on the computer.
- Do not delete any file that has been installed on the computer.
- Do not delete or alter browsing history. Using software to mask browsing history is grounds for suspension of access to technology.
- Network information should be assumed to be private property and subject to copyright laws.

**Unacceptable use activities constitute, but are not limited to, any activity through which any user:**

- Violates institutional or third party copyright, license agreements, or other contracts.
- Uses unauthorized and/or copied software. This is illegal.
- Interferes with or disrupts other users, services or equipment.
- Seeks to gain unauthorized access to information resources.
- Destroys, alters, dismantles, disfigures, prevents rightful access to or otherwise interferes with the integrity of computer based information resources.
- Invades the privacy of individuals or entities.
- Uses the network for commercial or political activity.
- Uses the network to access inappropriate materials. This would include games and music that are not authorized by a teacher or staff member.
- Uses the network for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes.
- Violates the security of the network.
- **Uses a private browser or any type of app/software to disguise or hide browsing history.**
- Accessing the account of another student.
- Engages in criminal mischief – a malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment or the data of another user.

**Damage to School Equipment: A student who damages any school equipment, including a computer or calculator, through abuse or neglect will be liable for current repair or replacement costs.**

**Contract For  
Technology Acceptable Use Agreement**

**Directions:** Please read the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement and sign the appropriate sections of the following contract. Return this to your Advisory teacher.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

**Student:** I have read the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions. I understand that a violation will result in the loss of the privilege to access the network. School disciplinary action or appropriate legal action will be taken. This portion will be signed in the presence of a teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Signature

**Parent or Guardian:** I have read the terms and conditions of the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designated for educational purposes. I understand SCS is taking steps to avoid inappropriate material, and I understand that SCS cannot guarantee that students will not come across objectionable material. I will not hold SCS responsible for material acquired on the Internet.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my permission for SCS to allow my student access to the Internet and email.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child to be on the Internet. I understand that my child is still responsible for completing all assignments due in classes and, if necessary, will provide technology outside of the school day in order to ensure completion.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date