To access and use District Technology Resources (see definition in Bylaw 0100), including a school-assigned e-mail account and/or the Internet at school, students under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain parent permission and sign and return this form. Students eighteen (18) and over may sign their own forms.

Use of District Technology Resources is a privilege, not a right. The Board of Education’s Technology Resources, including its computer network, Internet connection and online educational services/apps, are provided for educational purposes only. Unauthorized and inappropriate use will result in loss of this privilege and/or other disciplinary action.

The Board has implemented technology protection measures that protect against (e.g., block/filter) Internet access to visual displays/depictions/materials that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The Board also monitors online activity of students in an effort to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that determined users may be able to gain access to information, communication, and/or services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes and/or that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Students using District Technology Resources are personally responsible and liable, both civilly and criminally, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Resources.

The Board has the right, at any time, to access, monitor, review and inspect any directories, files and/or messages residing on or sent using District Technology Resources. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Individual users have no expectation of privacy related to their use of District Technology Resources.

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to and use of the Technology Resources to individuals who violate the Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement and related guidelines and policies, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

The Decatur Public Schools (DPS) Student Code of Conduct must also be adhered to. Technology Resources include, but are not limited to, the School District’s Internet system, computers, devices, and any other technology device owned by the School District. Your signature indicates that you have read the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the School District’s Policies as defined above.

One-to-One Technology Initiative

- Chromebooks will be used during the school day. Students, grades 6-12, will be allowed to take the devices home. Students working only remotely in grades K-5 will be issued a Chromebook.
- Such devices and accessories are the property of Decatur Public Schools (DPS) and must be returned to DPS at the end of each school year.
- Students who graduate early, withdraw, are suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment at DPS for any other reason must return the Chromebook and other technology items on the date of termination.
• If a student fails to return the devices and other technology related items at the end of the school year or upon termination of enrollment at DPS, they are subject to financial liability until the items are returned or associated fees are received.

**Fees to Students/Parents**
Fees are waived for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Charging Your Device**
Devices must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition.

**Originally Installed Software**
The software originally installed by DPS must remain on the Chromebook in usable condition and be easily accessible at all times. From time to time the school may add software applications for use in a particular course.

**Additional Software**
Students are not allowed to download extra software on the device without permission.

**Student and Parent Responsibilities**
- Use computers/devices in a responsible and ethical manner
- Obey general school rules concerning behavior and communication that applies to Chromebooks.
- Technology resources shall be used in an appropriate manner that does not result in the informational damage of school equipment. This “damage” includes, but is not limited to, the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by the student’s own negligence, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via DPS District’s designated Internet System is at your own risk. DPS District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- Secure Chromebooks against theft or loss
- Help DPS District protect its computer systems / devices by contacting an administrator about any security problems they may encounter
- Monitor all activity on their account(s).
- If a student should receive email containing inappropriate or abusive language or if the subject matter is questionable, he/she is required to inform school officials as soon as possible.
- **Students will be charged for damages to the device if it’s determined that the damages were due to student neglect. They will also be charged if the Chromebook is lost.**

**Student Activities Strictly Prohibited:**
- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials.
- Any action that violates existing DPS Board policy or public law.
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- Use of chat rooms or sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work.
- Changing of Chromebook settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness, etc.).
- Spamming-Sending mass or inappropriate emails.
- Gaining access to other student’s accounts, files, and/or data.
- Use of the school’s Internet / E-mail accounts for financial or commercial gain or for any illegal activity.
- Use of anonymous and/or false communications to mislead, harm, bully or harass another person is strictly prohibited.
• The safety of all students at Decatur Public Schools is of primary concern to the district. Students are encouraged not to share private information via email, social network sites, etc.

• Participation in credit card fraud, electronic forgery or other forms of illegal behavior.

• Vandalism (any attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data, including, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that can infiltrate computer systems and/or damage software components) of school equipment will not be allowed.

• Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise to harass or demean recipients.

• Bypassing the DPS web filter through a web proxy, phone tethering, and any other means.

• Bullying as defined in DPS Board Policy will not be tolerated.

• If using device on a non-DPS provided Internet use of explicit websites and information is prohibited.

Legal Propriety
Students must comply with trademark and copyright laws and all license agreements. Ignorance of the law is not immunity. If you are unsure, ask a teacher or parent. Use or possession of hacking software is strictly prohibited and violators are subject to discipline. Violation of applicable state or federal law will result in criminal prosecution or disciplinary action by the District.

Claims
All repair/replacement claims must be reported to the school office. In the event of theft, students and parents must file a police report and bring a copy of the report to the Principal’s office immediately. Without a police report, the theft insurance is void and the student will be responsible for the replacement cost of the device.

District Policies
Decatur Public Schools does not authorize any use of Technology Resources which are not conducted in strict compliance with this Agreement and the School District’s Policies:

5513 Care of Property
5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students
7540 Computer Technology and Networks
7540.01 Technology Privacy
7540.03 Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
7543 Remote Access to the District’s Technology Resources
7545 Electronic Communications
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Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement – Signature Page

Please complete the following information:

Student User's Full Name (please print): ________________________________ Grade: ______

Parent/Guardian's Name: __________________________________________

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement and have discussed it with my child. I understand that student access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes and that the Board has taken available precautions to restrict and/or control student access to material on the Internet that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the Board to restrict access to all objectionable and/or controversial materials that may be found on the Internet. I will not hold the Board (or any of its employees, administrators or officers) responsible for materials my child may acquire or come in contact with while on the Internet. Additionally, I accept responsibility for communicating to my child guidance concerning his/her acceptable use of the Internet - i.e., setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and resources on the Internet. I further understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations.

To the extent that proprietary rights in the design of a web page, site, service or app hosted on Board-owned or District-affiliated servers would vest in my child upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the Board.

Please check each that applies:
☐ I give permission for the Board to issue an e-mail account to my child.
☐ I give permission for my child's image (photograph) to be published online, provided only his/her first name is used.
☐ I give permission for the Board to transmit "live" images of my child (as part of a group) over the Internet via a web cam.
☐ I authorize and license the Board to post my child's class work on the Internet without infringing upon any copyright my child may own with respect to such class work. I understand only my child's first name will accompany such class work.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________

Student

• I have read and agree to abide by the Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy and Guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense and/or may result in disciplinary action. As a user of District Technology Resources, I agree to communicate over the Internet and through the Technology Resources in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines. I understand that we will be charged for damages to the device if it’s determined that the damages were due to student neglect. We will also be charged if the Chromebook is lost.

Student’s Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________