

Mountain Vista Governor's School Computer Use Contract

Overview: Students should use technology and the Internet in an appropriate manner. Technology is an integral part of a student's educational experience and must be used in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of Mountain Vista Governor's School (MVGS). Student use of technology is a privilege. Students are responsible for appropriate use of all computers to which they have access. Obscene, pornographic, threatening, or other inappropriate use of technology, including, but not limited to, e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, and use of hardware and/or software which disrupts or interferes with the safety and welfare of the school community, is prohibited, even if such uses take place off school property (i.e., home, business, private property, etc.). Altering the pre-set MVGS software image is prohibited unless approved prior to installation by MVGS.

General Terms and Conditions of Use

1. MVGS provides Governor's School students access to the Internet and also laptop computers, as a means to enhance their education. There are limitations imposed on student use of technology and Internet resources, which are included herein.
2. The laptop that is issued for student use is the property of MVGS and must be returned at the end of the academic year, upon withdrawal from MVGS, or immediately at the request of a teacher or administrator. Failure to return the student-issued laptop in accordance with the stated conditions may result in disciplinary action. Fines related to the use of this laptop shall be paid before graduation.
3. Transmission of any material in violation of Federal, State, or local law, ordinance, School Board policy, regulation or the *Code of Student Conduct* is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: copyrighted material, cyber bullying, inappropriate use of blogs and/or wiki pages, threatening, violent, obscene, or pornographic communication and/or material, material protected by trade secret, and uploaded or created computer viruses.
4. To protect students while at school and home, and to meet the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements, access to the Internet is filtered on each student laptop through a commercial filtering system.
5. Upon request by an administrator or teacher, students shall make all messages or files, either sent or received, available for inspection.
6. The laptop remains the property of MVGS and the student has no expectation of privacy in it, its files, or any use to which it is put by the student or any other person.
7. Laptop use is a conditional privilege granted to the student, which can be revoked.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Use of technology for commercial activities is prohibited.
2. Students are prohibited from using proxies to bypass internet filters or any other means to circumvent or disable filtering software
3. Students shall not attempt to locate or make use of files that are unacceptable in a school setting. This includes, but is not limited to pornographic, obscene, graphically violent or vulgar images, sounds, music, video, language, or materials, including screensavers, backdrops, and/or pictures.
4. Students shall not download, upload, or import games, screen animations, or programs or files that can be run or launched as a stand-alone program unless under teacher supervision. These programs or files are sometimes known as "executable files".
5. Illegal use or transfer of copyrighted materials to a school owned computer, including laptops, is prohibited. Students should only download/import music or materials (files) that they are authorized or legally permitted to reproduce, or for which they have the copyright.
6. Students shall not save, transfer or load non-school related material (files) onto MVGS's Google Drive.

Failure to honor all of the conditions of this Contract may result in disciplinary action and recall of the student's laptop computer.

Violations of this Contract may result in serious disciplinary action and may also result in criminal charges if the violation is also a violation of Federal, State, or local law or ordinance. Examples of such dual violations are (i) computer hacking or trespassing, (ii) harassment, threats, or cyber bullying via computer, and (iii) computer fraud (See, Title 18.2 of the *Code of Virginia*). Ignorance of the law will not excuse an infraction.

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Each student and his/her parent/guardian must sign this Contract before being granted use of the laptop computer. This contract is valid while the student is enrolled in MVGS.

Students:

Prior to signing this Contract, I have read the Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement and Laptop Guide as well as the MVGS Computer Use Contract. I understand that MVGS, LFCC, or my school division may access and monitor my use of the computer system, including my use of the Internet, e-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me.

I agree to follow the rules contained in this Contract. I understand that if I violate any rules contained in this agreement, the privilege to use the computer can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures or appropriate legal action.

I acknowledge receipt and accept responsibility of the laptop computer and AC adaptor described below:

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Computer Model: _____ Computer ID: _____ AC Adapter ID: _____

Parents

I have read the Acceptable Computer System Use Agreement and Laptop Guide as well as the MVGS Computer Contract. I understand that access to the computer system is intended for educational purposes. All computers issued to students have internet filtering software to prevent access to inappropriate internet materials. This filtering is required by Virginia State Code 22.1-70.2. Disabling or removing this software may result in disciplinary action. I also recognize, however, that it is impossible for the MVGS to restrict access to all inappropriate material and I will not hold the MVGS responsible for information acquired on the computer system. I have discussed the terms of this agreement with my child.

I hereby agree to be financially responsible for any repairs, damage or loss that may occur while the computer is in my child's care. If the computer is lost or damaged beyond repair, I understand that it is my responsibility to pay the replacement value of the computer or AC adapter.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Service Date: _____ Issue: _____

Resolved: _____ Return Date: _____

Service Date: _____ Issue: _____

Resolved: _____ Received by: _____

Date Returned: _____ Condition: Good Fair Poor Replace

Remarks: _____ Received by: _____