

**Laurel Public Schools**  
**2020-2021 Student Responsible Use Policy (RUP)**

**\*This agreement remains valid during the first two weeks of the subsequent school year.\***

**Statement of Purpose**

Laurel Public Schools believes that all students should have access to technology when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous, and legal manner. Internet access and other technologies available to students and teachers offer a multitude of global resources. Our goal in providing these services is to enhance the educational development of our students.

**Terms of Agreement**

Using technology correctly and responsibly is very important. I promise to follow these rules:

1. I promise to use all technology carefully and not damage, change, or tamper with the hardware, software, settings, or the network.
2. I promise never to use any form of electronic communication\* to harass, frighten, or bully anyone.
3. I promise to use technology and the Internet for schoolwork only. I will use the programs and websites that my teacher has approved.
4. I promise not to share my passwords and to only use my own student account.
5. I promise not to view, send, or display inappropriate messages or pictures.
6. I promise to tell an adult if I read or see something that is inappropriate.
7. I promise to respect copyright laws.
8. I will not use my personal web electronic device at school except with the permission of a staff member.
9. I promise to print only when my teacher tells me to.
10. I promise not to tamper with another student's electronic work.
11. I understand that if I break any of my promises, I might not be able to use technology or may experience other appropriate consequences.
12. I understand that I have no right or expectation of privacy in my electronic communications.

\*Electronic Communication means communication transmitted through any electronic device including, but not limited to, cellular devices including cell phone watches; computers/chromebooks; ipads; e-readers; ipods; or other mp3 or audio-video players; and cameras.

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

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Student Responsible Use Policy. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold Laurel Public Schools responsible for materials my son, daughter, or legal dependent acquires as a result of the use of electronic communications, systems, or property from school activities. Even though the school cannot be responsible for what students do with this knowledge outside the school setting, I further understand that disciplinary action may range from a reprimand to expulsion by school authorities and be subject to local, state, federal, and international law. I hereby give my permission to Laurel Public Schools to permit my child access to electronic communications and systems, including the internet.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, (student name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read or have been read to, and understand the Student Responsible Use Policy. I understand that by signing this, I release Laurel Public Schools and its employees from actions taken by me. Any materials or communications made by or acquired by me from Laurel Public Schools' electronic communications, systems, or property are not the responsibility of Laurel Public Schools. I accept full responsibility for my actions. I understand and accept that disciplinary actions may be taken if I violate any rules or policies of Laurel Public Schools.

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Student Signature

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Date