

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 (LPS) teachers and students use technology and internet-based tools on a regular basis to support student learning and prepare students to engage in the rapidly changing world. These technologies improve student communication and collaboration skills, provide an authentic audience, and extend learning beyond the classroom walls while building digital citizenship skills. Student access to technology requires responsible, courteous, efficient, and legal use. Our goal in providing access to these resources is to enhance learning experiences and to educate students in responsible and appropriate use. It is important that students and parents recognize that information posted on the internet is public, permanent, and needs to be appropriate.

Terms of Agreement:

1. I agree to follow teachers'/building/district instructions when using technology and electronic communication*.
2. I agree to report and/or help prevent any bullying, abuse, or harm of others. This includes but is not limited to the following: harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyberstalking.
3. I agree to tell LPS staff if I read, see, or access something inappropriate, or if I witness inappropriate use of technology.
4. I agree to follow all filters and security measures.
5. I agree to use technology carefully and to conserve district bandwidth (i.e., streaming of music/games/video, connecting personal devices, etc.).
6. I agree not to share my passwords, except with my teacher and/or parent/guardian (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA).
7. I agree to only use my own student account.
8. I agree to use only my own files and folders. I will not access another individual's files and folders without his/her permission.
9. I agree not to reveal or post personal information belonging to myself or another person (i.e., passwords, addresses, telephone numbers, etc.).
10. I agree to follow copyright laws and not plagiarize others' work. Research conducted via the internet will be appropriately cited, giving credit to the original author.
11. I agree to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. This includes, but is not limited to the following: email, chat, instant-messaging, gaming, and social networking.
12. I agree to respect privacy of others and not post audio or video of students and staff without their permission.
13. I agree to use equipment as directed by teachers, practice responsible care, and report any malfunctions.
14. I understand the school may take disciplinary action against me if I violate the RUP.

*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.

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.

Student Signature

Date