

Geyserville Unified School District
GNTA- Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy
2025-2026

Geyserville Unified School District (GUSD) provides technology access to support student learning. This agreement outlines safe, responsible use and sets clear expectations to prevent misuse.

Mandatory Review by Parent/Guardian and Student

Each year, students must review this agreement. Parents/guardians must acknowledge understanding by signing and submitting the Acceptable Use Policy form during registration.

Definition of District Technology System

The District's technology includes, but is not limited to:

- Computers, Chromebooks, and software
- Digital files (text, data, audio, video, images)
- Internet access, guest Wi-Fi, and future technologies
- Phones, voicemail, email, and servers

Student Use Expectations

Technology must be used for school-related learning. When in doubt, ask a teacher/administrator.

Students must:

- **Protect Privacy:** Use only your accounts; do not access others' data or share personal info.
- **Maintain Security:** Follow filters and security rules; use only GUSD's network on campus; report problems or risks.
- **Respect Equipment:** Do not damage, hack, spam, or cause disruptions. Share resources fairly and report malfunctions.
- **Follow Device Rules:** No personal electronics in class without permission.
- **Respect Intellectual Property:** Follow copyright laws and cite sources.
- **Communicate Respectfully:** Avoid harmful, illegal, or inappropriate content or behavior.
- **Use Responsibly:** No cheating, buying/selling, or personal business unless approved.

Consequences for Violation

Violations may result in loss of tech privileges, discipline (up to suspension/expulsion), or legal action.

Student Access to Computer/Network/Internet

All students have filtered Internet access on school devices. Despite filters, some inappropriate content may still be accessible. Students must use only GUSD networks and devices. Personal hotspots, VPNs, and unauthorized devices are not allowed. *Exceptions may be granted for assistive or special project needs.*

Digital Learning Environments

Students may use tools like blogs, wikis, podcasts, and online meetings for classwork. These must follow school conduct rules. Parents may opt out in writing for students under 13 due to COPPA.

Supervision and Monitoring

Student tech use is monitored and not private. Administrators may access data to ensure safety and discipline. The District decides what use is appropriate and may limit or restrict access.

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Technology Department Responsibilities (GNTA)

The GUSD/GNTA Technology Department will:

- Maintain the network and respond to problems by priority
- Enforce this Acceptable Use Policy

General Directives

- Technology is for school use only
- Students are responsible for any damage
- Chromebook contracts must be signed yearly
- Report problems or misuse
- Personal devices are the student's responsibility
- Ask before doing anything you're unsure about

Violations Include (Not Limited To):

- Connecting to non-GUSD networks at school
- Using smartwatches or other devices to record without permission
- Unauthorized media streaming or file sharing
- Using VPNs or bypassing filters
- Changing settings or installing unauthorized software
- Playing games instead of participating in class/ learning environment
- Sending unauthorized messages, or
- Using others' accounts
- Tampering with or infecting systems and/or physical devices (aka taking apart computers)
- Accessing inappropriate or non-educational sites
- Using school tech for personal gain or business

Email Restrictions

Do not:

- Send excessive messages or impersonate others
- Use inappropriate content or graphics
- Send chain letters

Discussion Boards

Do not use offensive or malicious language or content.

Network/Hacking

Unauthorized access, file tampering, virus distribution, or system control is prohibited.

Internet/Software

Do not access inappropriate websites or illegally copy software.

Personal/Group Gain

Do not solicit donations or use school resources for personal/business purposes without permission.

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Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Students may use AI tools only when permitted by their teacher and must do so ethically. AI should support learning, not replace original thinking. Using AI to cheat, plagiarize, or mislead is prohibited.

Consequences for Violations

Tech access may be restricted. Violations are recorded and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from GNTA or permanent loss of access.

Disclaimer of Liability

The District is not responsible for loss, damages, or data accuracy. Network use is at your own risk. The District is not liable for objectionable content or confidentiality breaches. All opinions accessed online are those of the author, not the District.

Student Agreement

I have reviewed this agreement and understand the expectations for responsible use of technology and AI.

Student Name (print): _____

Student *signature*: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I have reviewed this agreement with my student and understand the expectations for responsible use of technology and AI.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian *Signature*: _____ **Date:** _____