

*R*omar *A*cademy **Technology Agreement**

Introduction

Romar Academy recognizes that technology resources can be a means for intellectual, social and cultural growth, but said resources also represent great responsibilities. Romar has an obligation to encourage civility and respect in the use of technology and its' resources. Romar Academy has taken precautions to restrict the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value; however, with access, greater responsibility must be exercised. Consequently, members (students, parents, faculty, staff and guests) are expected to exercise responsibility, use technology resources ethically, respect the privacy and rights of others, and operate within the bounds of the law, school policy and standards when utilizing school technology resources. The administration of Romar firmly believes the valuable information and interaction available on the worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of Romar Academy.

Goals & Objectives

- To provide a variety of information to enhance and support the classroom;
- To teach and assist students to work effectively with various forms of telecommunications tools;
- Prepare students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers with the use of technology;
- Teach and enhance skills that are necessary in the electronic and global society.

Privileges

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. Romar Administration will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. Also, Administration may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user privileges. This may include random checks of Internet history and monitoring of student access to determine whether the accounts are being used in a manner that is consistent with this agreement. Students accepting access to the Internet through Romar's network consent to such monitoring.

Acceptable Use of Technology

All persons accessing the Internet from the school locations must accept the responsibility of using the Internet wisely and correctly. Access to the Internet by students will be monitored by faculty members at all times. Students are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network use. These included (but are not limited to) the following:

- There must be a clear academic purpose for accessing the Internet at school. Users must use technology resources for the purposes for which they are intended – conducting and fostering instructional, educational and research activities.
- Illegal activity is forbidden on the network (i.e. violating copyright or other contracts, gaining illegal access or entry into other computers, etc).
- Do not interfere with the proper operation of school systems and networks accessible through the Internet. Users will not create or release computer viruses or engage in other destructive or potentially destructive programming activities. Users will not modify, alter or otherwise tamper with systems hardware or software, terminals, microcomputers, printers or any other associated equipment unless authorized to do so.
- Users must use technology resources in a like manner that is not wasteful or frivolous (i.e. tying up resources with computer-based game playing, sending trivial or excessive messages,

downloading excessively large files). Academic use will be the first priority for technology resources.

- Users will not reveal any personal information such as address, phone number or the personal information of others.
- Users will not engage or coerce others in any of the following behavior(s): aggressive behavior, bullying, relational aggression, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, harassment, hazing, intimidation and/or menacing.
- Users will use appropriate language when utilizing technology resources. Appropriate language is language that reflects the academic values of Romar and moral values of students. Users will not send harassing, intimidating/threatening messages through electronic mail, voice mail or other means.
- Users will report any suspected misuse of technology to any teacher or administrator without delay.

Consequences / Sanctions

If a student violates this policy, he/she may face sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion, loss of computing privileges as a sanction for violation of this policy or any other sanction deemed necessary by Romar Administration. Users also understand that accessing the Internet through Romar's network places information sent over the network and users under the jurisdiction of Romar's Technology Policy regardless of ownership of hardware.

Consent

As a parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Technology Policy. I understand that this access is designed strictly for educational and/or research purposes. Although Romar has taken precautions to eliminate controversial materials, I understand that Romar cannot guarantee that undesirable material will not be received on its' network.

Further, as a parent/guardian, I understand that I must monitor my child's use of technology (such as cellular phone usage, social networking and multimedia) away from school and inform the school of any questionable material, actions or words that students are engaging/receiving for the benefit of all students.

During the course of the school year, your child will be participating in projects and publishing their work on the Internet. Romar will take precautions so that private information (address or phone number) is not displayed; however it is a chance to partner with classes around the globe and communicate more closely with other "netizens". Romar will make parents/guardians aware of published materials for viewing. By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the Romar Academy Technology Policy and accept said sanctions as determined by Administration.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date