



Technology Acceptable Use Policy

KIPP SoCal Public Schools (“KIPP SoCal”) provides technology equipment to KIPP SoCal students to support instructional programs and appropriate student learning. “Technology equipment” consist of all electronic devices, hardware, software, and other means of electronic communication including, but not limited to, the following: computers; laptops; iPads; cellular phones; portable hotspot devices; computer hardware, such as disk drives; etc.

All technology equipment is the sole property of KIPP SoCal. All specific technology equipment issued is on loan and must be returned in the same condition it was provided within 72 hours of request by the student’s teacher, school leader, or other authorized KIPP SoCal administrator. Students are expected to be responsible while using all technology loaned. Students’ use of all technology must not violate any KIPP SoCal’s school policies. Misuse of any technology may result in the loss of technology use. If damage occurs to any technology equipment, authorized school administrators will review the incident. If it is determined that the damage or loss is due to the student’s negligence, the student’s parent/guardian will be required to pay for the repair or new replacement equipment. These terms were included in the KIPP SoCal Student Technology Equipment Loan Agreement that was signed when the technology equipment was distributed.

It is important to understand that student use of the technology equipment, including but not limited to Internet use, is a *privilege*. If used properly, these resources can greatly enhance a student’s learning experience. However, improper use or for purposes *inconsistent* with the educational program at KIPP SoCal Public Schools may result in restricted use or complete loss of use of all KIPP SoCal loaned technology equipment.

Acceptable and Unacceptable Uses

The intent of KIPP SoCal in providing Internet connectivity is to support learning consistent with our academic programs. We expect students to use the Internet to pursue intellectual activities, to access libraries and other resources, and to further their education at KIPP SoCal. A student’s online conduct is ALWAYS subject to the KIPP SoCal Code of Student Conduct.

Some parts of the Internet contain material that is *not* suited for students and is *not* supportive of KIPP SoCal’ educational activities. Students are not allowed to use KIPP SoCal loaned technology equipment to access such materials, including sites containing inappropriate or obscene content. It is likewise improper to use these devices in any manner that supports any illegal or unethical activity, or for commercial or for-profit purposes.

KIPP SoCal utilizes industry-leading technology to filter and monitor activity on all KIPP SoCal

loaned devices and prevent student exposure to inappropriate materials. However, KIPP SoCal cannot guarantee the appropriateness of all materials accessed by the students on the Internet.

Although the following list is not intended to be comprehensive, it provides a sampling of some of the unacceptable uses of the that could result in the suspension or revocation of a student's on-line privileges:

- Using the Internet for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other laws (copyrighted material may not be placed on the system without the author's permission and users may download copyrighted material for their own use only);
- Revealing any personally identifiable information about yourself or any other student on a social networking website or chat room;
- Cyber-bullying
- Sending or displaying offensive pictures or graphics, using obscene language, or harassing, insulting, threatening or abusing other network users;
- Any online activity that encourages the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or that promotes unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or district policy;
- Posting, sending or displaying any personal identification information of any minor
- Using the Internet for financial or commercial gain;
- Degrading, vandalizing or disrupting equipment, software or system performance or the data of another;
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or entities;
- Invading the privacy of others or using an account owned by another user;
- Posting anonymous messages or messages with a false identity;
- Downloading, storing or printing files or message that are profane, obscene, or that use language that offends or tends to degrade others;
- Playing unauthorized games on the Internet;
- Computer piracy, hacking, or any tampering with hardware or software;
- Activities that allow a computer or network to become infected with a virus or other destructive influence.

Google and Other Accounts and Applications Access

As part of our mission to ensure all KIPP students will succeed in College, KIPP SoCal utilizes Google applications for Education and other applications to promote collaboration and communication between our students and teachers. As a KIPP SoCal student, your child has a user account for the KIPP SoCal Google Applications for Education, which includes access to Gmail and other Google Applications for Education.

If there is reason to believe that violations of the law or of KIPP SoCal policies have occurred, a student's usage of KIPP SoCal loaned technology equipment and Google account access may be suspended or discontinued.

Security

KIPP SoCal cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on the Google Application system or servers. Although Google does have a powerful content filter, redundancy and backup solutions in place, KIPP SoCal cannot assure that students will not be exposed to unsolicited information nor that data saved within the Google Apps system will always be available. KIPP SoCal will not be held responsible in the event that student data become irretrievable or inaccessible.

Privacy

KIPP SoCal reserves the right to access any student account content (email, documents, etc.) and any activity on all KIPP SoCal loaned technology equipment without consent from the student or parent/guardian at any time for any reason.

We ask you to report any violation of this policy to KIPP SoCal immediately. KIPP SoCal will take any violation of this policy seriously, will fully investigate, and take any needed remedial actions.