



Responsible Use of Technology/Digital Citizenship Agreement for Students

Regina Public Schools strongly believes in preparing, engaging, and inspiring its students to prosper in a rapidly changing and information rich society. The division is also committed to attaining high levels of achievement and equitable opportunities for all students through the strategic provision of and effective use of technology. To this end, students of Regina Public Schools have access to a variety of technology resources to enrich, enhance, and even transform their learning experiences inside and outside of instructional time.

Regina Public Schools has neither the resources nor the control to monitor every aspect of student technology use. The purpose of this responsible use/digital citizenship agreement is to foster the independent use of division-owned and student-owned technology, subject to compliance with procedures and guidelines for appropriate behaviours.

I, _____, agree to follow the responsible use conditions listed below:
(Student name)

Respect and Protect Myself

- I will take responsibility for my actions when posting or viewing online information and images.
- I will use technology to represent myself in a dignified way and to create a positive digital footprint.
- I will only use my personal account(s) and keep my password(s) private.
- I will not reveal personal information about myself with any online service or person.
- I will follow school and RPS procedures and behaviour standards.
- I will not access inappropriate material and I will report inappropriate material to a RPS staff member.

Respect and Protect Others

- I will not use technologies to degrade, defame, or harass others.
- I will not reveal personal information of other individual(s) with any service or person.
- I will obtain permission of individual(s) AND a RPS staff member before sharing photographs, video, or any information about them.
- I will obtain permission from individual(s) AND a RPS staff member before sharing commonly created electronic data.
- I will not forward inappropriate materials or communications.

Respect and Protect Intellectual Property

- I will learn and follow federal copyright laws and fair use guidelines.
- I will learn and use citation correctly.

Respect and Protect Property

- I will take full responsibility for, and respectfully use, any technology available to me within RPS.
- I will use network bandwidth reasonably and responsibly.
- I will report abuse of technology to a RPS staff member.
- I will report security or network problems to a RPS staff member.
- I will not use RPS technology for commercial or personal financial gain.

Personal Technology

Students may bring personal technology to school for learning purposes. When using personal technology at a RPS site all of the above conditions apply, in addition to the following:

- I will only connect to a RPS network, not other (external/neighborhood) networks.
- I will turn off all peer-to-peer (music/video/file-sharing) software or web-hosting services on my technology.
- I understand the security, care, connectivity and maintenance of my technology is my responsibility.
- I understand that RPS is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of my technology.
- I understand I am fully responsible for my technology while it is at school.
- I understand that the Manager of Technology and/or designate may access and search my personal technology if there are reasonable grounds to believe there has been a breach of school/RPS rules or discipline policies.

Online Software, Applications, and Services

- Regina Public Schools uses a wide range of software, applications, and services as tools and resources to support teaching and learning. Each of these tools and resources has been evaluated and selected on educational merit and compliance with privacy and security standards. Some tools and resources store information on servers located in countries outside of Canada making data subject to the laws of that country. For more information on RPS' approved online software, applications, and services, visit the division's Educational Technology website at <https://educationaltechnology.rbe.sk.ca>.

Student Agreement

- All students will follow the expectations of these guidelines and will conduct themselves as responsible digital citizens.
- The use of technology at Regina Public Schools is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in administrative staff denying, revoking, or suspending access to technology at any time.
- Inappropriate use of technology may result in disciplinary action.

*Student Agreement (students in grades 4-12 must sign annually and return to school)

I am signing below to show that I accept the expectations and conditions of this agreement and will conduct myself as a responsible digital citizen:

(Student's signature)

(School)

(Date)

*Parent/Guardian Agreement (please sign for students less than 18 years of age on September 1)

- As the parent or guardian of the student signing above, I have read and support this contract.
- I understand that the use of technology at Regina Public Schools is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in administrative staff denying, revoking, or suspending access to technology at any time.
- I agree to report any unacceptable online behaviour to the school principal. This includes but is not exclusive to communication or postings that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal activities, racism, hatred, harassment or inappropriate language.
- I understand that Regina Public Schools will not assume legal liability for inappropriate use, and that I will hold some responsibility for violations of this agreement by my student.
- I understand that I will be notified concerning any serious breach of this agreement by my student, especially where their account privileges are suspended or cancelled.

(Parent/Guardian First and Last Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)