

Pajaro Valley Unified School District Student Acceptable Use Policy

Student use of district technologies are governed by Board policies as described in the Acceptable Use Policy below. Given the integration of these technologies with the instructional program, state mandated annual testing, and distance learning, acceptance of these policies is no longer optional for students. The Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) ensures safe and legitimate uses of the Internet and the district's network and computers. This policy is to be regularly reviewed by the Superintendent or designee to ensure its effectiveness.

PVUSD's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) by preventing unlawful and malicious activities by users on the PVUSD network, and securing confidential information from unauthorized access. All users must comply with every aspect of this policy. Any violation of this AUP may result in disciplinary and/or criminal action. Users are expected to report any security problems or misuse of district technology.

The district utilizes an Internet filter to block access to content that is obscene, pornographic, or detrimental in general. However, no filtering system is 100% effective. PVUSD staff believe that the benefits to students from Internet access exceed the possible disadvantages.

The district reserves the right to monitor users' network activities. Therefore, users should have no expectation of privacy concerning the use of the PVUSD network or PVUSD technology. This includes, but is not limited to, all electronic communication such as email, chatting, blogging, etc. while using any devices. Additionally, students' Google Drives are subject to scanning. In the event of a reported violation of this AUP, the district reserves the right to search district issued devices and accounts, either electronically or physically, to verify the violation(s).

Students that bring personal mobile devices to school will be expected to follow the policy outlined here.

Internet Safety Guidelines

All staff, students and parents should be aware of the potential dangers that the use of the Internet may bring. Students are educated biannually on appropriate and ethical uses of the Internet. The following guidelines provide assurances that students are complying with the PVUSD AUP:

- All students should have adult supervision when using the Internet.
 - Users should not reveal personal information (home address, birthdate, cell/home phone numbers, etc) about themselves or others on the Internet.
 - Students should not place photos with their full names or with the names of others on the Internet.
 - Users should never meet with a person or persons they have met only on the Internet.
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Acceptable Uses of the PVUSD Network and Devices

The PVUSD network and devices are to be used for educational purposes and district business, such as: distance learning or in class assignments, career development activities, educational research, extracurricular activities, communication activities and access to network resources. Staff and students will comply with the PVUSD Publishing policy, which ensures that student work is appropriately posted on the Internet. Only school related files should be stored in student accounts. Staff and students are expected to take good care of District technology resources, leaving equipment and work areas in good condition.

As new technologies emerge, PVUSD will attempt to provide access to them. The policies outlined here are intended to cover *all* available technologies, not just those specifically listed.

Unacceptable Uses of the PVUSD Network and/or Devices

Any unlawful or malicious use of the PVUSD network and/or devices, such as, but not limited to:

- Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or transmitting any of the following:
 - Pornographic or sexually explicit material.
 - Material that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
 - Obscene depictions.
 - Materials that are threatening or encourage illegal activities, including damage to property.
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances.
- Selling anything using the district network.
- Intentionally accessing and/or spreading malicious files, such as viruses, worms, spam, etc.
- Attempting to bypass the content filter to access blocked sites.
- Violation of copyright laws or plagiarism of any kind, including downloading software, music, movies or other content in violation of licensing requirements, copyright or other intellectual property rights.
- Causing harm to others or damage to property, such as, but not limited to:
 - Cyberbullying: It shall be the student's responsibility to report any cases to the student's teacher or other staff member.
 - The use or distribution of profane, abusive, or offensive language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others.
 - Using, deleting, copying, modifying or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data.
 - Using another person's network account name, information or credentials.
 - Disclosing information that could potentially lead to unauthorized access of network account name, passwords, information or credentials.
- Accessing the PVUSD network, either internally or externally, to pursue "hacking."
- Creating unauthorized wireless networks to access PVUSD's network. This includes establishing wireless access points, wireless routers and open networks on personal devices.

- Using the network to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
 - Using the network for commercial, political, religious or gambling purposes.
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Penalties for Violation of the AUP:

Any violation of this AUP may result in the loss of the user's network access and/or use of a district device, disciplinary and/or legal action for both students and employees, including suspension or expulsion from district schools, or dismissal from district employment and/or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The district will attempt to tailor disciplinary action to the severity of the violation.

Disclaimer and Waiver:

The district makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of its network, computers or accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of the district's computers or network are the responsibility of the user; the user hereby waives any and all claims against the district and further agrees to indemnify and defend the district for and against any claims arising out of the use of the district's network, computers or accounts. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of any information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the district, its affiliates, or employees.

Parents who are concerned about the use of these technologies or the application of these policies should contact the school site's administration to discuss whether reasonable adjustments may be required for a student's particular needs.