



Somerville Public Schools



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RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY (RUP) FOR SOMERVILLE STUDENTS

All students within the Somerville School District will adhere to the rules, regulations, and procedures of the Responsible Use Policy as they pertain to the various technologies outlined below, as well as the District Board Policy #2361.

I. TECHNOLOGY VALUES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The computer equipment, computer services, and Internet access are used to support the educational objectives of the Somerville School District (“District”). Use of these technologies is a privilege and I am required to comply with District technology values & responsibilities. My signature below indicates that I promise to abide by this agreement.

TECHNOLOGY VALUES	STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
We value communication; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use language that is thoughtful and appropriate when using school devices and Google Apps • Be mindful of how my words are interpreted by others
We value privacy; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that anything I do online or electronically is not private and can be monitored • Not share personal information, including passwords, online about myself, family, friends, or faculty
We value honesty and safety; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not engage in behavior that puts myself, or others, at risk • Represent myself honestly • Seek help if I feel unsafe, bullied, or witness unkind behavior • Communicate only with people I know
We value learning; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas • Evaluate the validity of information presented online • Ask questions and seek help when using school technology • Have a positive attitude and be willing to explore different or new technologies
We value respect for self and others; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not upload or post personal information, private communications or photos of others without their permission • Respond thoughtfully to the opinions, ideas and values of others • Not send or share mean or inappropriate emails or texts
We value respect for school and personal property; therefore I will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take proper care of all equipment • Report misuse and/or inappropriate content to my teachers or adults

Adapted from Campbell Hall

The District is not responsible for the actions of individuals utilizing the network/computers who violate the District’s technology values, responsibilities, policies and regulations. The District may modify these regulations at any time by publishing modified regulations on the network and elsewhere. The District reserves the right to monitor all activity on network/computer facilities/devices. I do not expect that web history, emails and files used on the District’s computers/network/servers are private.

II. ANTI-BIG BROTHER ACT

The Anti-Big Brother Act mandates that a school district furnishing a student with an electronic device equipped with recording capability must provide the student with “written or electronic notification that the electronic device may record or collect information on the student’s activity or the student’s use of the device if the device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the student’s activity or use of the device.”

I am aware that all devices received from the District are capable of recording or collecting information about device activity and use. The District will not use any of the device’s capabilities in a manner that would violate my privacy rights

or any individual residing with me. In addition, I am required to comply with all policies and procedures outlined in this Responsible Use Policy (RUP).

III. INTERNET

It is important that the Internet is used properly so that laws are not broken, others are not offended, and/or school rules are not violated. The District has taken all prudent actions to block and/or filter access to the Internet for the protection of students as mandated by the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

I will immediately notify a staff member if anyone attempts to initiate any inappropriate personal contact with me, or my peers, while using the District’s Internet access.

I cannot expect privacy in any content stored or accessed through the District network. I understand that all Internet activity, including email and websites visited, is monitored and archived.

-----Please sign and return this portion-----



**Somerville Board of Education: Student Responsible Use Policy (RUP)
and Anti-Big Brother Act Notification**



Student Section:

As a user of technology, I understand that it is my responsibility to honor this Policy and uphold the District Technology Values both at school and at home. I understand that my actions can affect others and that I will be held accountable for my behavior. I will not engage in activities that are in violation of the Technology Responsible Use Policy.

I have read and I understand the Responsible Use Policy and agree to follow these rules and guidelines when using technology.

Printed Name of PS-12 Student

Signature of Student (if in grade 3-12)

School

Date

Homeroom Teacher

HR#

Parent Section:

I hereby release the District and its personnel from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child’s use of, or inability to use, the District network responsibly. I understand that all use of technology is governed by Policy and Regulations 2361: Acceptable Use of Computers/Computer Network and Resources. I will instruct my child regarding the rules of use contained in this document. I understand that my child is subject to the same rules and agreements while not at school. I understand that the District encourages parents and guardians to supervise and monitor any online activity.

I acknowledge receipt of the Anti-Big Brother Act notification and I am aware that the devices my child uses in school are equipped with recording capabilities with the potential to monitor activity on said devices.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian