NORTH MIDDLE
Technology Agreement

2025/2026 School Year

In recognition of the fact that students use technology to learn and communicate while at home and at school, it is important that they learn how to use that technology in a responsible. In fact, use of technology requires responsibility and can be dangerous when not used properly. At North, we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our STARs. This includes conscientiously working to ensure that each of our students understands how to use technology in a manner that that is effective and will not place them (or others) at risk of harm. In turn, our students are fully expected to appropriately and responsibly represent themselves within/across the digital landscape.

As a person who uses digital/social media, you leave a "digital footprint" and the protection of your information and privacy are critically important. As you use technology, including social media, at school and at home, you need to keep in mind that you are creating your self-image, reputation, and online identity for everyone to see for the rest of your life. You need to be aware of the persistence of your digital information, including images and social media activity, which may remain on the Internet indefinitely.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in appropriate, ethical online activities, students will be held to the below expectations regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

The items below are a summary of the technology expectations, our North student handbook, the policies and procedures of our Everett Public Schools, and the laws/regulations/codes of the State of Washington. This is not an exhaustive list of the policies and procedures of the district.

Procedure 2146P: Middle school students who choose to bring cell phones, earbuds, and/or electronics to school may only use them before or after the school/instructional day. During the school day, all cell phones and other PEDs must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student's backpack, locker, other district provided storage).

- It is the expectation of the district that students effectively and appropriately use available technology.
- No user will attempt to breach or modify device hardware and software security measures.
- No user will attempt to modify the physical appearance or operating system of any technology equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized software updates, and copying or installing non-district licensed software.
- Users of technology shall maintain the confidentiality of personal information such as complete names, addresses and telephone numbers, and identifiable photos should remain confidential.
- Students should report to a school administrator, teacher, or security staff any dangerous or inappropriate information or messages on the Internet, in email, instant messages, blogs, online forums, social media sites, or other electronic media.
- A personal electronic device (including phones) shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process.
- Devices shall not be used to violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual, including but not limited to, taking photographs or audio or video recordings of others, or

- sharing, posting, or publishing photographs, videos or recordings of others. This is strictly prohibited.
- Students should not reveal personal information, or the personal information of others, including a home address and phone number on web sites, blogs, podcasts, videos, social networking sites, wikis, e-mail, or as content on any other electronic medium.
- If students encounter dangerous or inappropriate information or messages, they should notify the appropriate school authority.
- Any attempts to defeat or bypass the district's Internet filter or conceal Internet activity are prohibited (e.g., proxies, https, special ports, modifications to district browser settings, and any other techniques designed to evade filtering or enable the publication of inappropriate content).
- All use of technology must be in support of education, classroom learning and Everett Public Schools' operations and must be consistent with the mission of Everett Public Schools.
- Any use of technology must conform to state and federal law, technology use policies, and Everett Public Schools' policies, procedures, and directives.
- There is no expectation of privacy for any user of the district's technology, including but not limited to Internet use and email. Materials created, stored, sent, or received on district technology are subject to review by the district and may be subject to a public records request under the state Public Records Act.
- Use of technology to harass others or gain unauthorized access to any service or information and/or damage the components of a service or information is prohibited.
- Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit or publish using technology. Hate mail, harassment, intimidation, bullying, discriminatory remarks or other antisocial or uncivil behaviors are prohibited. This may also include the manufacture, distribution, or possession of inappropriate digital images.
- Use of any technology on district property or at any school-sponsored activity or event off school property, including your own personal electronic device (including cell phones), to access, store or distribute any inappropriate, obscene, or lewd material is prohibited.
- Use of cameras, including those in cell phones or other personal electronic devices, is prohibited in restrooms, locker rooms, or any other location where there is a reasonable expectation of personal privacy.
- Users may not share their system, computer or software passwords with others or leave an open file or session unattended or unsupervised. Account owners are responsible for all activity under their account.
- Users shall not seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, misrepresent other users or attempt to gain unauthorized access to any data or entity on specific computers or the network.

Collectively, we pledge to be safe, make safe/appropriate choices with our devices, and support one another in honoring our North Way.

Your name: _____ Student Number: _____

Your signature: _____