

# **George Jackson Academy Computer and Internet Use Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**

**2015 – 2016**

George Jackson Academy provides internet services for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and educators to access vast amounts of information through school computers and networked resources. School computers and internet access is provided free of charge and is available to students for educational activities, **not** for personal use. **School computer use is a privilege, not a right.** Before a student is allowed to use school computers and internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must agree, sign, and return the PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT CONSENT FORM. The signed acknowledgement will be retained by the school for reference.

## **School Network Access and Use Policies**

GJA has strict security measures in place to prevent students from viewing inappropriate information and images through the internet. Reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the internet; however, GJA cannot guarantee that such material will never be accessed.

1. Network access is to be used by the authorized student. All use must be under the supervision of the associated classroom teacher. Assuming the identity of another user is strictly forbidden, and will result in the immediate loss of computer privileges.
2. Users shall respect the privacy of other users. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, delete, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or represent themselves as another user. To do so is considered theft.
3. Users shall not harass other users by sending annoying, obscene, slanderous, or threatening messages. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, other anti-social behaviors, and chain letters are prohibited on the network. To do so is considered harassment.
4. Users will abide by copyright law and licensing agreements pertaining to internet and computer use. Users shall make proper citations and not plagiarize any source. GJA is neither responsible for, nor legally liable for content accessed by or created by users that directly violate these proprietary laws.
5. Computer and internet use shall be consistent with the goals of GJA. Computers can be utilized to market products and services related to school instructional activities only under the direct supervision of the sponsoring teacher. Use of the network for personal profit or gain is strictly prohibited.
6. Usage of a resource that restricts/hinders the access of any other user is prohibited.
7. Users who attempt to access pornographic material, inappropriate files, or programs that are harmful to the integrity of the network will permanently lose access privileges, and will be subject to disciplinary actions deemed appropriate by the school administration. Accountable users will also be held directly responsible for any related damages caused by the infraction.

The previously mentioned Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) practices are not all-inclusive, but only representative and illustrative. Users who commit any of the aforementioned acts and/or misconduct that may not be listed will also be subject to termination of access privileges and/or disciplinary action.

**Please keep a copy of this page for your reference.**

# PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT CONSENT FORM

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Please complete and return this form if you agree to allow your child access to the school network and GJA internet services according to the terms below. Unreturned or incomplete forms will exclude your child from internet-based classroom activities and/or assignments.

**We, the parent/guardian, and the student, have read and will abide by the George Jackson Academy Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). We understand that this access is designed for educational purposes only and that we will be held accountable for all activities associated with the use of the school network and related services. The loss of computer and internet access includes all classroom work, after-school tutoring and quiet room use.**

**I understand and agree to follow these guidelines and agree to use the school network for educational purposes only.**

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby give my permission for my child to use the internet for the duration of my child's term at GJA.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

GJA Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Technology \_\_\_\_\_

For school use only:

Date of Infraction	Violation	Disciplinary Action	Advisor & Student Initials