

QSI STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) & PARENT CONSENT FORM

Computers, the Internet, and related technologies are valuable resources for students, and serve as the world's largest library and information database. QSI is dedicated to producing students capable of succeeding in today's technology pervasive society. Students receive technology training including QSI's Essential Unit on Digital Citizenship. This unit, required for every QSI student from age 5 through secondary, provides a strong background in the proficiencies and ethical competencies for safe computer use, and to succeed in modern society.

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to these outcomes, even when not at school. Issues brought to the attention of the staff that negatively affect other students or disrupt the school day will be dealt with by the school. These guidelines are available from your school or online at: <http://www.qsi.org>.

Your student may be asked to create the email or other online accounts required to accomplish these essential outcomes. Photographs of your student may appear in QSI publications and documents, or media reports about QSI.

Please contact your school director if you have concerns about this or any other requirement below.

Acceptable Use

1. Technology is to be used in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. Some information and activities are not appropriate for school.
2. All technology use must support QSI's educational objectives, meet the objectives of QSI's Digital Citizenship Outcomes, and be in accordance with QSI's Success Orientations.
3. Use for student self-discovery may be allowed, but the Director will decide what usage is acceptable.
4. The Director may suspend or permanently end technology access for any student who violates QSI's AUP.
5. The use of QSI technology is a privilege, not a right.
6. The cost of willful damage will be billed to the parent or guardian of the abusing student.

Unacceptable Use Includes:

1. Downloading, copying or adding any unauthorized software, applications or files to or from the System.
2. Plagiarizing others' work. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the student. This includes direct copying as well as paraphrasing ideas without giving credit to the author.
3. Violating copyright, trade or service marks, or intellectual property rights. This includes peer to peer file sharing of copyrighted files. If the student is unsure whether or they can use a work, they should not use it without permission from the owner.
4. Using any username, password, or resource (within or beyond QSI) that a student is not authorized to use.
5. Participating in illegal activities. Activities on Internet accessible computers may be governed by the laws of several countries and jurisdictions.
6. Using harmful, threatening, abusive, or obscene language or imagery at any time.
7. Vandalizing computers, the school network, technology, equipment, drives, files, software, or Internet resources. Vandalizing includes, but is not limited to any attempt to modify, erase, or destroy another person's documents or files, or to defame or vandalize someone's digital profiles.

