GSIC Internet Usage Policy & Student Google Apps Permission Form

In order for your child to use the school's Internet resources, you must read the attached Acceptable Use Policy, and return the signed Student Internet Access Contract to the school.

Our goal in providing Internet access is to help students develop the ability to evaluate and synthesize information from a myriad of sources and to enable them to develop the critical thinking and problem solving skills that they will need as citizens in an increasingly electronic and global society.

We have developed a set of guidelines to govern use of the Internet at GSIC. Please read the attached guidelines and discuss each part with your child. The Internet Access form MUST BE RETURNED to school.

Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose
Computers are a valuable tool for education. One of this school's purposes is to encourage the proper use of computer related technology including the Internet. Students and all users of computer technology have a responsibility to use these tools properly and in accordance with the policy below:

Goals
To provide a variety of tools to help students and teachers develop the ability to evaluate and synthesize information from a variety of sources and enable them to work effectively with various computer/communications technology. To encourage critical thinking and problem solving skills which will be needed in this increasing electronic and global society.

Responsibilities of Users
With right of access comes the responsibility to use the source both correctly and wisely. Access to the Internet for instance, may mean that some material found will not meet guidelines set in our Acceptable Use Policy.

General Guidelines
- Only students with written permission may use the school's computers to access the Internet.
- Transferring copyrighted materials to or from a school without express permission of the owner of the copyright is a violation of Federal Law. The user is deemed responsible to see that this doesn't occur.
- Use of electronic mail and other Internet facilities to harass, offend, or annoy other users is strictly forbidden.
- Any attempt to circumvent system security, guess passwords or in any way gain access to secured resources is forbidden.
- Users may not move, repair, reconfigure, modify, or attach external devices to the systems. (Unless by teacher approval)
- The system operator has the right to monitor all activities.
- Additional rules and restrictions may be added at any time. Users are responsible for reading and following these rules.

Student Rules
1. For reasons of personal safety, students will NEVER post personal contact information about themselves or other people. This may include address, telephone number, school address, etc.
2. Students will not access material that is profane or obscene (e.g. pornography) or that advocates illegal acts, violence or discrimination towards other people.
3. Students will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were one's own.
4. Students will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude or threatening language. Nor will they through means of the Internet, harass or annoy other users.
5. Students will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt computer systems, or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by other means. These actions are illegal.
6. The illegal downloading of copyrighted software for use on home and school computers is prohibited.

Discipline
Violation of any rules/guidelines may result in any or all of the following:
1. Loss of Internet access.
2. Disciplinary or legal action by the school or other involved parties.

Google Apps Grades 4-7

GSIC has the ability to create accounts for all students to allow for collaborative sharing using our custom implementation of Google Apps for Education, @gsiccharter.com. These accounts will be used for school related projects. The rules governing proper electronic communications by students will be included in the Acceptable Use Policy. However, no student will be assigned an account without parent or guardian approval.

This account is housed on Google servers, thereby giving your student access to Google Docs (word processor, spreadsheet, and presentation software), instant messaging, email, calendar, website authoring tools, plus additional services. This will allow your student to collaborate with teachers and other students as well as share information with family, friends, and other Internet users.

We **will not** be activating Google email accounts for students at this time. We have the ability to only allow students access to specific apps. We will be using Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets, Calendar, Classroom, and Sites.

Conduct
Students must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy.

Access Restriction
Access to and use of Google Apps for Education/gsiccharter.com is considered a privilege accorded at the discretion of GSIC. GSIC maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of the account when there is reason to believe that violations of law or School Board policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to the Principal for further investigation and application of necessary consequences.

Security
GSIC cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on Google systems. Although Google does have a powerful content filter in place, the School Board cannot assure that users will not be exposed to non-educational material.

Privacy
The School Leadership reserves the right to access and review content in the Google Apps for Education/GSIC system at any time. The School Leadership complies with all state and federal privacy laws. As with any educational endeavor, we feel that a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience.

The Student Google Apps Permission form will become a part of the student's cumulative folder. The student Google Apps/GSIC account will remain in effect until written notice is submitted to the school or the student is no longer enrolled in the Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics.

Please sign and return

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
(Please print)   First Name   MI   Last Name

Parent/guardian:
_____ I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy for GSIC and give permission
        for my child to access the internet.
_____ I give permission for my child to be assigned a Google Apps/GSIC Apps account. **Grades 4-7**
        (This does not include a Google email account)

Parent signature: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Student:
I agree to adhere to the guidelines stated above for acceptable use of the internet and my Google Apps/GSIC Apps account.

Student signature: _____

If you would like a printed copy of the GSIC Family Handbook, please visit the school office.

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