Mounds Park Academy Middle School
Acceptable Use Policy

At Mounds Park Academy, technology is a vital tool for learning and communicating who we are, what we value, and how we represent our family, school, and community. Because our technology choices affect ourselves and others, *and because the use of technology is a privilege not a right*, the expectation is that middle school students will abide by and support this agreement **both in and out of school**. While we understand that any of us can make a mistake, we believe that living according to these values is critically important. By signing this policy, I agree to:

1. <u>Use MPA's technology resources responsibly.</u>
   - I will use MPA technology only for assigned and intended school purposes. I will ask for teacher approval if I am not sure.
   - I will use my school email account only for school assignments.
   - I will keep my passwords to myself.
   - I will access only my own assigned computer, account, and/or files.
   - I will download only under teacher direction.
   - I will inform my teacher if I have concerns about the functionality or suitability of the hardware or software I am using.
   - I will not give out identifying information over the Internet.
   - I will come to class fully prepared, including printing prior to class.
   - I will not damage MPA hardware or software, delete school files or those belonging to other students, use unauthorized software, attempt to bypass school filters, send viruses, or make modifications to system files.

2. <u>Be respectful of others (including cell phone use).</u>
   - I will not participate in cyber-bullying by spreading gossip, insults, or other unkindness, and/or accessing any social network, website, blog, Wiki, etc. with the purpose of creating, viewing, or participating in the humiliation of others.
   - I will not make or forward sexually suggestive photographs.
   - I will not retrieve material that is obscene, profane, violent, discriminatory, or depicts or describes illegal activities.
   - I will not steal someone's password and/or identity.
   - I will not use technology in any other inappropriate way.
   - I will uphold Mounds Park Academy's values of respect and integrity.

3. <u>Publish ethically.</u>
   - I will not plagiarize by representing the work of others as my own.
   - I will not manipulate technology to cheat.
   - I will obey copyright and software licensing laws.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this Mounds Park Academy Middle School Technology Use Agreement.

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Student Name (Print)   Student Signature   Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date