

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR MOBILE DEVICES

I. Introduction

- A. The Central Valley Central School District recognizes that mobile phones and digital devices are now an integral part of our students' culture and way of life and can have considerable value, particularly in relation to individual safety. It is also recognized that such technology will play a significant part in the education of the 21st century student, but, this use should follow agreed rules and guidelines to prevent classroom disruption, student misuse and teacher difficulties.
- B. The Central Valley Central School District further recognizes that the use of mobile devices in schools presents a host of potential problems and disadvantages. For instance: expensive mobile devices may be damaged, lost or stolen; students can be bullied by text messaging or other means; mobile devices can be used to access, store and communicate inappropriate material; such devices can disrupt the learning environment; camera functions can lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images; and in some instances data or usage fees on mobile devices may increase.
- C. In an effort to prevent these problems and disadvantages and to provide a safe learning environment for the student, the Central Valley Central School District has developed and will enforce the following Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices (AUPMD). Parents should read the policy and discuss it with their child prior to allowing them to bring a mobile device to school.

II. Definitions

- A. The term "mobile device," as used in this policy, covers smart phones and other mobile phones, laptop computers, tablet devices such as the iPad or Android OS devices, e-readers such as Kindle or Nook devices, iPod or MP3 devices, or any similar mobile electronic device that can access either the BOCES network, Central Valley Central School District network or an independent Internet connection.

III. No Expectation of Privacy

- A. The use of mobile devices at the Central Valley Central School District campus is a privilege and not a right. The Central Valley Central School District maintains its own computer network, which provides faculty, staff, and students with Internet access. Any network equipment, all hardware owned or maintained by

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the Central Valley Central School District, and all computerized files and data (including, but not limited to, programs, documents, e-mail, accessed Web pages, etc.) accessed through the Central Valley Central School District network are the property of the Central Valley Central School District. The Central Valley Central School District reserves the right to access all such files and data to monitor lawful and appropriate usage of its network. Consequently, no user of the Central Valley Central School District network should have any expectation of privacy with respect to any files or data saved on or accessed through the Central Valley Central School District network.

IV. General Conditions for Mobile Device Use

- A. As a condition of using one's own mobile device at the Central Valley Central School District, students and their parents or guardians must read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices (AUPMD). If a student is over the age of 18, the permission of a parent or guardian will not be required.
- B. In the event a mobile device is brought to school without a signed agreement by the parent, the student, by the act of bringing the device onto a campus, impliedly agrees to submit to and be governed by the AUPMD.
- C. File Storage on the Central Valley Central School District network from personal mobile devices is limited to school-related files and data only. Files and data not directly related to school can be removed by the Director of Technology or other authorized school administrator, employee or agent.
- D. The AUPMD also applies to students during school trips, excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- E. Responsibility for the mobile device rests with the student and the Central Valley Central School District accepts no financial responsibility for damage, loss or theft.
- F. The Central Valley Central School District assumes no liability or responsibility for students that misuse mobile devices while on school property
- G. All costs for data plans and fees associated with mobile devices are the responsibility of the student. However, Central Valley Central School District does offer wi-fi for students that will alleviate data usage costs.
- H. Mobile devices must not be audible during the school day unless determined by staff.

V. Filtering of Mobile Devices

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- A. As a condition of using one's own mobile device at the Central Valley Central School District, a student is further required to connect to the Internet only through a network filtered by the Central Valley Central School District. Each student will be given a username and password in order to facilitate access to the Internet at the Central Valley Central School District. A student shall not share his/her username or password with any other individual. A student is also prohibited from soliciting or using the username or password of any other individual for any purpose whatsoever.
- B. In order to ensure the safety of students, the effectiveness of instruction, and compliance with federal law, the Central Valley Central School District maintains Internet filtering, which limits students' access to inappropriate material, as further outlined in the Central Valley Central School District Internet Safety Policy. As a condition of using one's own mobile device at the Central Valley Central School District, students are required to install and maintain Internet filtering software on each mobile device used at school. The Superintendent or her designee will be responsible for issuing regulations regarding the standards such filtering software must meet.

VI. Acceptable Use of Mobile Devices

- A. Each teacher has the right to allow or disallow the use of mobile devices to support student learning or achievement during instructional time as he/she deems appropriate. If the teacher allows the use of mobile devices for instructional purposes, his/her students shall not use such devices in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the class/school, nor in any way inconsistent with the Central Valley Central School District's AUPMD, Code of Conduct or other policies or rules.
- B. Unless express permission is granted, mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send text messages, surf the Internet, take photos or use any other application during school lessons and other educational activities, such as assemblies.
- C. Using mobile phones or devices to bully or threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- D. The use of vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language while using a mobile device will not be allowed. Any student engaging in such conduct will face disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Central Valley Central School District Code of Conduct.
- E. Any student caught using a mobile device during an examination or assessment in an unauthorized manner will face academic and/or disciplinary sanctions.

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- F. Each teacher has the right to determine whether mobile devices must be stored out of sight or placed on the student's desk in plain sight when not in use for instructional purposes.
- G. Any use of a mobile device that interferes with or disrupts the normal procedures of the school or classroom is prohibited. This prohibition extends to activities that occur off school property and outside of school hours if the result of that activity causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

VII. Central Valley Central School District's Rights and Responsibilities

- A. The Central Valley Central School District will provide a safe, filtered network according to the Children's Internet Protection Act and will attempt to ensure all students will access the Internet through this network.
- B. Consistent with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act and The Central Valley Central School District's Internet Safety Policy, the Central Valley Central School District will educate students in identifying, promoting, and encouraging best practices and Internet safety.
- C. A mobile device may be confiscated if used in school in violation of the Central Valley Central School District's AUPMD, Code of Conduct or other policies or rules. If confiscation occurs, a parent/guardian will need to retrieve the device from the main office during regular school hours. Disciplinary action may follow for non-compliance.
- D. The Central Valley Central School District may remove the user's access to the network and suspend the right to use the personal mobile device on the Central Valley Central School District property if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized or illegal activity or is violating the Central Valley Central School District's rules, regulations, or policies.

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Legal References: The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) (Public Law 106-554), and the Broadband Data Improvement Act, Title II: Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 110-385), codified at 20 U.S.C. §§ 7001 and 9134, and 47 U.S.C. §§ 254, 503, 609, and 902.

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