Introduction

AJUSD students have the opportunity to use technology that facilitates creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration needed in today's societies. As students are expected to apply these skills and extend their creative abilities, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. This acceptable use policy (AUP) supports our vision of technology use and upholds in our students a strong sense of digital citizenship.

Technology Usage

AJUSD students will use technology to help them prepare to work, live, and contribute to our connected world. AJUSD encourages students to use technology to:

-facilitate creativity and innovation
-support collaboration
-support communication
-understand technology operations and concepts
-publish creative content
-seek knowledge and extend research
-explore data to create new content
-increase technology literacy
-use technology to do what you could not otherwise do

Being a 21st Century Learner

Learning skills and 21st century tools are used together to enable students to effectively build content knowledge. Building knowledge will allow our students to function effectively in personal, community and workplace environments. Being a 21st Century Learner will require new skills and a responsibility for students to use information and technology in a safe, legal manner. Being a 21st Century Learner you agree to the following:

- **Respect Yourself**. I will select online names that are appropriate, I will consider the information and content that I post online.
- **Protect Yourself**. I will not publish my personal details, contact details or a schedule of my activities.
- **Respect Others**. I will not use technologies to bully or tease other people. I will not share or use another student's password to log into the network or any software applications.
- **Protect Others**. I will protect others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications.
- **Respect Intellectual Property**. I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.
- **Protect Intellectual Property**. I will request to use the software and media others produce.

- **Act Responsibly**. I will follow all AJUSD rules for behavior while using any computer or technology related piece of equipment or software.
- **Protect the equipment**. Food, drink, and physical abuse will cause damage to technology equipment. I am responsible for the technology equipment when in my use. I will be held responsible for any damage to the equipment and understand that payment for damage to district property may occur. Arizona State Statute (A.R.S. § 15-727)
- **Report Abuse**. I will report misuse and abuse of school resources to the proper school personnel and will assist in creating a safer network environment for all.
- **Logging on/off**. I am responsible for properly logging on and off the internet, and other district applications, to insure security of my username and password.

Sharing Policy
Collaborating and sharing creative content is an encouraged practice for all AJUSD students. Students will be participating in project based learning and may create content such as electronic presentations, blogs, podcasts, videos, wikis, and other social media. The meaningful step in the process is sharing their content with other classes, and the school community and, at times the world. AJUSD uses district websites, Google Apps, School Tube, and other moderated sites to share school and student work. These are district moderated sites, where students can collaborate online with teacher supervision. Student full names and personal information are always kept confidential and are not shared online. **By agreeing to this AUP, you agree to allow the Apache Junction Unified School District to publish your child's creative content where appropriate.**

Video Conferencing
Apache Junction Unified School District has a high definition video conference system installed at each school site. The system allows for video conferencing to take place between all AJUSD schools as well as any other site in the world via the internet. The system is used for virtual field trips, guest speakers, collaboration between students from around the world, distance learning classes, and other education opportunities. **By agreeing to this AUP, you agree to allow your child to participate in any educational opportunity using AJUSD's video conferencing system.**

Consequences for Violations
I understand and will follow this Acceptable Use Policy. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action. The administration will follow the student code of conduct and Apache Junction Unified School District board policy to determine the appropriate action. I also understand that the school network, hardware, and software applications are owned by AJUSD and are not private. AJUSD has the right to access my information at any time.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the 2010-2011 Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of the Apache Junction Unified School District, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

I hereby give permission for my child to use technology resources at the Apache Junction Unified School District.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____