



My Digital Social Contract

Core statement: As an East Greenbush Central School student, **I am responsible** for the choices I make when I use technology. When my choices hurt others, hurt the ability of others to be successful, or cause me personally to be put in harm's way, I have broken this contract and there will be consequences to the choices I have made. I understand that using technology effectively is a skill that is essential to my success as a student and as an adult. I may have a choice and opportunity to bring and use my mobile phone, tablet or laptop to school, if my parents and guardians permit it, and if my teachers choose to allow it in my classes. I may also be granted a Google Apps account which includes Email and other Google services.

- I am responsible for keeping my personal computer devices secure when I bring them to school.
 - I will keep my personal computing devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPod, eReader, laptop) secure to prevent loss or theft.
- I am responsible for keeping my digital accounts secure.
 - I understand that my online identity is my own and that I must keep my usernames, passwords and online accounts secure and private.
- I am responsible for what I do when using technology at school.
 - If I can and choose to use a personal computing device at school, I know that I am still bound to the district technology ethics and responsible use guidelines, whether I'm using my own or district devices, and whether I'm using the district WiFi network or a 3G/4G cellular network.
- I am responsible for not hurting the ability of others to learn.
 - I will use technology in ways that do not disrupt others in the classroom or school.
- I am responsible for what I say and do online.
 - I understand that online privacy, safety and responsibility are important. I understand that what I write, say, show, do and communicate online is public, never goes away, and has the ability to hurt myself and others if I am not a responsible user.
- I am responsible for giving credit where credit is due and respecting the intellectual property of others.
 - I understand that I will think, create, work, share and collaborate with others online and on networks. My work and ideas should reflect my own thinking and effort and represent my best. When I use the work of others, I will give them credit and acknowledge them.
- I am responsible for making good choices about when and where I use technology at school.
 - I will respect the guidance of my teachers and school staff as to when and where I use personal computing devices at school. I understand that there are times when using devices will be an option and other times that the devices will have to be stowed away. If I don't respect these choices, I understand that the following things may happen:

First step: If I cause a disruption or have my device out at an inappropriate time, I may be asked to 'put it away.' At this time, I am required to put away whatever device(s) have caused the problem. If I don't, the following will happen:

Second step: If I take the device out again or refuse to put it away, my teacher or staff member may 'take it away' for the remainder of the school day. This means I will not have my device(s) for the remainder of the day, not just one period.

Third step: If I continue to cause disruptions or fail to honor this contract, my privileges may 'go away', and I will be subject to other disciplinary actions outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

I have reviewed this Social Contract and agree to make appropriate, responsible choices in using technology in my classroom and school:

Student Signature

Date