**Quitman County School District**

**Students iPad Acceptable Use Policy**

The use of the iPad in a one-to-one environment provides an opportunity to enhance each Student’s overall learning experience. Utilizing the iPads at Quitman County Schools gives students the access to learn anywhere, anytime - both in classrooms and maybe in the near future at home. This one-to-one personalized learning also narrows the digital divide between students and promotes responsible use of today’s ever changing technologies. Quitman County Schools reserves the right to confiscate and search a student’s iPad to ensure compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy. Students in breach of the Acceptable Use Policy may be subject to but not limited to; disciplinary action, overnight confiscation, removal of content or referral to external agencies in the event of illegal activity. In the event of any disciplinary action, completion of all class work remains the responsibility of the student. Quitman County Schools is not responsible for the financial loss of any personal files that are deleted.

**Student Responsibilities**

* Students must use protective covers/cases for their iPads, otherwise the insurance policy is invalid.
* The iPad screen is made of glass and therefore is subject to cracking and breaking if misused.
* Never drop nor place heavy objects (books, laptops, etc.) on top of the iPad.
* Only a soft cloth or approved laptop screen cleaning solution is to be used to clean the iPad’s screen.
* Do not subject the iPad to extreme heat or cold (do not store in vehicles if applicable).

**Safeguarding and Maintaining as an Academic Tool**

* iPad batteries are required to be charged overnight and be ready for use in school.
* If an iPad is left at home or is not charged, the student remains responsible for completing all coursework as if they had use of their iPad.
* Malfunctions or technical issues are not acceptable excuses for failing to complete school work, unless no other means of completion exist.
* Syncing the iPad to iTunes or iCloud should be done weekly. Doing so will safeguard files, documents, and apps.
* Items deleted from the iPad cannot be ‘undeleted’, so backing up your work is very important.
* Memory space is limited. Academic content takes precedence over personal files and apps.
* The whereabouts of the iPad should be known at all times. It is a student’s responsibility to keep their iPad safe and secure. iPads belonging to other students are not to be tampered with in any manner.
* If an iPad is found unattended, it should be given to the nearest member of staff.

**Lost, Damaged or Stolen iPad**

If the iPad is lost, stolen, or damaged, the Principal’s office must be notified immediately. iPads that are believed to be stolen can be tracked through iCloud, which the student is required to enroll in upon receiving the iPad. To replace an iPad that has been lost or vandalized a police report must be filed. The iPad is subject to routine monitoring by teachers, administrators, and the technology staff.

The Quitman County Schools Technology Department will periodically monitor iPad wireless activity.

**Prohibited Uses Include:**

* Accessing Inappropriate Materials - All material on the iPad must adhere to Network Acceptable Use Policy. Students are not allow to send, access, upload, download, or distribute offensive, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
* Illegal Activities - Use of the school’s internet/E-mail accounts for financial or commercial gain or for any illegal activity.
* Violating Copyrights - Students are allowed to have music and install apps on their iPad’s, however the items downloaded and synced to the iPad must be in compliance with copyright laws.
* Cameras - Students must use good judgment when using the camera. The student agrees that the camera will not be used to take inappropriate, illicit or sexually explicit photographs or videos, nor will it be used to embarrass anyone in any way. Any use of the camera in bathrooms or changing rooms, regardless of intent, will be treated as a serious violation.
* Use of the camera and microphone are strictly prohibited in the classroom and hallways unless permission is granted by a teacher.
* Misuse of Passwords, Codes or other Unauthorized Access: Students are encouraged to set a passcode on their iPad to prevent other students from
misusing it. Any student caught trying to gain access to another student’s accounts, files or data will be subject to disciplinary action.
* Malicious Use/Vandalism - Any attempt to destroy hardware, software or data.
* Jailbreaking – Jailbreaking is the process of which removes any limitations placed on the iPad by Apple. Once Jailbroken, users are able to download additional applications, extensions and themes that are not otherwise available. Jailbreaking results in a less secure device and is strictly prohibited.
* Inappropriate media may not be used as a screensaver or background photo. Presence of pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug or gang related symbols or pictures will result in disciplinary actions.
* Parents are responsible for the setting up and use of any home internet connections and no support will be provided for this by the school.

**Every student must read and sign below:**

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of the foregoing iPad Acceptable Use Policy and the Network, and Internet Use Policy. I agree that in keeping with the spirit and philosophy of Quitman County Schools, it is ultimately my responsibility to make good choices when I use the iPad and computer network. Should I in any way misuse my access to the Quitman County Schools computer network and the Internet, I understand and agree that my access privilege may be removed and disciplinary action may be taken against me.

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**Student signature Date**

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**Parent Signature Date**

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**Student Pledge for iPad Use**

* I will take good care of my iPad.
* I will never leave the iPad unattended.
* I will never loan out my iPad to other individuals.
* I will know where my iPad is at all times.
* I will charge my iPad's battery every night
* I will keep food and beverages away from my iPad since they may cause damage to the device.
* I will not disassemble any part of my iPad or attempt any repairs.
* I will protect my iPad by only carrying it in a case.
* I will use my iPad in ways that are appropriate, meet Hall Memorial School’s expectations and are educational.
* I understand that my iPad is subject to inspection at any time without notice.
* I will file a police report and produce a crime number in the case of theft, vandalism, and other acts covered by insurance.
* I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.

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**Quitman County Schools, Georgetown, GA**