



Responsible Use Agreement

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GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Students, staff and administrators of Rocky View Schools have the opportunity to access the RVS network (RVS network or “rockynet” network) to facilitate educational and professional growth objectives. It is understood that Rocky View Schools does not have sufficient resources to monitor every aspect of network use. However, the purpose of these guidelines is to foster the independent use of the network, subject to compliance with procedures and standards for appropriate network behaviour and communication. The following guidelines apply to all users when they access any “rockynet” network connection.

1. Privileges

The use of “rockynet” is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action. Based on this policy, the Superintendent or designate, or the school principal in conjunction with the system administrators will deem what is appropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration and school staff of Rocky View Schools may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts or specific privileges such as internet or email use at any time as required.

2. Property

“Rockynet” network and e-mail system is the property of Rocky View Schools. Unauthorized use of the network and e-mail system is prohibited. Access to the network and e-mail and other on-line systems of Rocky View Schools is a privilege granted to Users by Rocky View Schools and may be revoked or withheld at the discretion of the Superintendent or designates.

3. Privacy

Users do not have a personal privacy right in any matter created, received, stored in or sent from the “rockynet” network or e-mail system. The Superintendent or designate reserves the right to access any files to determine whether or not an employee or student is using the system for items of true “educational value”. Rocky View Schools may at times and without prior notice, monitor and review e-mail messages and web site retrieval by network users to ensure proper use.

4. Personal Safety

Think always of your own personal safety while using the “rockynet” network or e-mail systems. Protect your privacy, as well as the privacy of others.

The following rules will help promote your personal safety:

- 4.1 Do not give out personal information (address, telephone number, parents’ work address/telephone number, or name and location of your school).
- 4.2 Let someone in authority know right away if you come across any information that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 4.3 Never agree to get together with someone you “meet” on-line.
- 4.4 Never send a personal picture or any other personal information.
- 4.5 Do not respond to any messages that are inappropriate, mean or in any way make you feel uncomfortable.
- 4.6 If you are being harassed let someone in authority know.



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5. Accounts and Passwords

Users must obtain an authorized account and password from the Rocky View Schools Technology Services Department in order to access the “rockynet” network and e-mail system. The User should consider the account and password confidential and will not share the account or password with any other person or leave the account open or unattended at any computer system.

6. System Use and Maintenance

Users should periodically remove or erase their files from their folders or e-mail messages from Rocky View School’s server(s). E-mail or other files stored on an RVS file server are not considered private property and may be removed by the authorized Technology Services personnel without prior notice to the User.

7. Responsible Use

The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Rocky View Schools. Transmission of any material in violation of any Federal or Provincial regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 7.1 Network use is restricted to only those users that have been issued an authentic username and password by the RVS Technology Services Department
- 7.2 Downloading or transferring copyrighted materials to or from any RVS computer without the express consent of the copyright owner is a violation of federal law and is expressly prohibited
- 7.3 All unauthorized and unlicensed software is prohibited on the RVS network
- 7.4 Users will not engage in illegal or unethical acts, including use of network access to plan or carry out any scheme to defraud or to obtain money, or other things of value by false pretences, promises, or representations; or to damage or destroy computer-based information or information resources
- 7.5 Any use of the RVS network for defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive and illegal material or other inappropriate activities is strictly prohibited. Individuals are encouraged to report any abuse to the appropriate authorities
- 7.6 Use of e-mail and other RVS network communications facilities to harass, defame, offend, or to disseminate defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive, illegal material, or otherwise annoy other users of the networks is forbidden. Each user has the responsibility to report all such violations
- 7.7 Downloading or transmission of pornographic, obscene or other socially unacceptable materials is strictly prohibited
- 7.8 Network users shall not allow any other person to use their password/key or to share their account. It is the user’s responsibility to protect e-mail accounts from unauthorized use by changing passwords/keys periodically and using passwords that are not easily guessed
- 7.9 Any attempt to circumvent system security, guess passwords or in any way gain unauthorized access to local or network resources is forbidden
- 7.10 Users may not move, repair, reconfigure, modify or attach external devices to the networks

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- 7.11 Network users will not knowingly engage in sending messages and files containing any form of digital information or encoding that is likely to result in loss or disruption of the recipient's work or system
- 7.12 Network users will not engage in gaining access to any resources, entities or data of others for any purpose without authorization
- 7.13 Network users will not engage in activities that are wasteful of network resources or that degrade or disrupt network performance including other networks and systems accessed over the Internet
- 7.14 Network users will not engage in plagiarism of information obtained via "rockynet" network.
- 7.15 Network users will not engage in the breaking of confidentiality of any user, revealing personal information such as phone numbers or addresses of others, or otherwise invading the privacy of others over the network.
- 7.16 Network users will not use the RVS network for private or business use or for political purposes.

8. Warranties

RVS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. RVS will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via "rockynet" network is at your own risk. RVS specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this service.

9. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on "rockynet" network, you must notify a system administrator or principal as soon as the problem is identified. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log-in to the system as any other user will result in disciplinary action. Attempts to log-in to "rockynet" network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to "rockynet" network.

10. Updating Your User Information

The RVS network may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service.

11. Computer and Email Misuse and Abuse

Computer misuse and abuse may result in cancellation of network privileges for a defined period of time and may result in other school disciplinary action. Serious offences may be referred to the RCMP for investigation and possible criminal charges if the offence warrants such action.



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12. Google Accounts

Rocky View Schools believes that there is educational value in having students and staff members maintain Google accounts. Google accounts that Rocky View Schools create for students and staff members are housed inside an educational Google App's domain and are not public accounts. By creating and managing accounts inside the RVS domain (@rvschools.ab.ca), we will have more control over the accounts. Rocky View Schools will be able to globally control user permissions for each service, create and manage filters and policies for email and remove or activate specific services (i.e. Google docs, Google Sites, e-mail, etc.). Rocky View Schools has access to usage logs, reports and has the ability to suspend accounts. This functionality will help us educate students on "appropriate behavior" in an online environment.

Google App's educational domain accounts are more than email accounts; it is a collection of collaborative productivity tools that Rocky View Schools wants students to have access. "Google doc's" is one example of a tool that students and staff members can use to enhance and enrich learning.

The new accounts would be created and stored in individual school sub-domains that have e-mail turned off by default. Until the student has proper paperwork (Responsible User Agreement, parent consent for active email, etc.) signed and filed at the school, these newly created accounts will be limited to the base productivity tools.



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Complete either the Student or Staff portion of this form, as applicable, and return as indicated below:

STUDENT Consent Form

(Return to school office)

RVS Student User Name (print):	
The Student User I have read, I understand, and I will abide by the Rocky View Schools Responsible Use Policy Agreement (Network, Computer, and Email) to which this Consent Form is attached. I realize that violation of these provisions may result in loss of use of network privileges, as well as possible disciplinary actions. This may include, but is not limited to, revocation or suspension of network privileges, suspension or expulsion from school, and/or appropriate legal action.	
RVS Student User Signature:	Date:
The Parent or Guardian I understand that the RVS network has opened up a vast resource for school entities throughout the world. I understand that students now have opportunities to access research information from a variety of sources on the internet and email systems. I understand that the network opens the possibility of students having access to possibly defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material by having access to the Internet and by sending and receiving e-mail. I understand that RVS will use its best efforts in order to limit such access to only those areas of educational value, however, it is understood that no matter how much supervision and monitoring and technical barriers RVS can utilize, there will always be the possibility of my child coming into contact with defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material. Notwithstanding this fact, I recognize the importance of my child becoming technologically aware in an increasingly technological society, and I give consent for my child to access the internet and email systems of Rocky View Schools.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
<i>Note: The parent or guardian signature warrants and confirms that he or she has the ability to bind any other parent or guardian to this consent and understands that RVS is relying on such warranty.</i>	