



## **Idaho Digital Learning Alliance Acceptable Use Policy 2024 - 2025**

Proper use and behavior in a distance learning environment will be determined by your school's existing guidelines covered in the district's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.

### ***Idaho Digital Learning Alliance Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP)***

Computers, computer networks, and the internet provide essential tools that support distance learning and the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance. All students are expected to use Idaho Digital Learning Alliance and the resources provided to access Idaho Digital Learning Alliance for purposes appropriate to the education environment.

You must refrain from any use that is not consistent with the policies, purposes, or objectives of either the hosting district or Idaho Digital Learning Alliance.

### **Prohibited uses of technology**

- The use of communication tools (email, discussion boards, web pages, chat, and others) should not be used for any communication that is:
  - defamatory
  - inaccurate
  - abusive
  - rude
  - obscene
  - profane
  - sexually explicit
  - threatening
  - harassing
  - racially offensive
  - illegal
  - encouraging the use of illegal materials
  - inconsistent with the policies, purposes, or objectives of either the hosting district or the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

- Impersonating another individual, including, but not limited to, the use of another user's login or password, communicating or completing work on behalf of another individual, or mocking others in a derogatory manner.
- Revealing personal or private information to others such as home address, age, gender, phone number, etc. You should also be cautious when releasing this information about yourself.
- The use of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, is allowed for the purpose of self-learning, ideation, and inspiration. However, direct plagiarism or copying and pasting of AI-generated work as student-generated work will be treated as plagiarism. Students are expected to use the tool in accordance with academic integrity guidelines and cite any text generated by the tool.
- Disrupting the use of technology by another user or service. This includes but is not limited to, attempts to harm or destroy data, uploading and/or creating computer viruses, uploading and/or downloading information without need, sending or receiving data with the intent to degrade network performance, etc.
- Violation of any local, state, or federal regulation or statute.
- You will not use Idaho Digital Learning Alliance resources to sell or offer to sell any goods or services without prior approval of both the hosting district Board and the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance board.

### **Security and Privacy Risks Associated with Personal Device Use**

- Personal Device Use: Students using personal devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones to access distance learning resources should ensure that their devices have updated operating systems, antivirus software, and firewalls to protect against malware, viruses, and other online threats.
- Personal Information: Students should avoid sharing personal information such as their full name, address, phone number, email address, or any other sensitive information online. Unless directed to do so by the content or teacher, personal information should not be added to online tools or resources.

- Passwords: Where possible, students should use their Google or Microsoft accounts provided by their school for login. If passwords must be used, students should use strong passwords for their online accounts and avoid sharing them with others. They should also avoid using the same password for multiple accounts and change them frequently.
- Public Wi-Fi: Students should avoid using public Wi-Fi networks to access distance learning resources as they are often unsecured and can pose security risks. Instead, they should use a secure network or a personal hotspot.
- Screen Sharing: Students should be cautious when screen sharing during virtual meetings or sessions, especially if they are using personal devices. They should ensure that they are not sharing any personal or sensitive information unintentionally.
- Reporting Security Incidents: Students should report any security incidents, breaches, or suspicious activity to their teachers or administrators immediately.

### **Idaho Digital Learning Alliance Rights and Responsibilities**

- Idaho Digital Learning Alliance reserves the right to monitor all activity, and record voice, text, and video correspondence related to Idaho Digital Learning Alliance courses or sites.
- Idaho Digital Learning Alliance reserves the right to block or remove any material that is not consistent with the policies, purposes, or objectives of either the host district or Idaho Digital Learning Alliance.
- IDLA may require the enabling and use of a camera and microphone to assist in proctoring or live instruction to complete a course.
- Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed by Idaho Digital Learning Alliance staff, students, information providers, or instructors are those of the individual and do not represent the position of Idaho Digital Learning Alliance.

### **Discipline**

Student discipline for violation of any part of the policies, rules, or procedures of Idaho Digital Learning Alliance shall be based on the severity of the infraction.

- If the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance teacher or monitor feels your behavior is not consistent with the policies, purposes, or objectives of the hosting district, or Idaho

Digital Learning Alliance, the teacher will notify your site coordinator.

- The site coordinator is then responsible for bringing the matter before the appropriate school administrator(s) for disciplinary action.
- The teacher may also wish to hold a conference with you and your parents.
- The Idaho Digital Learning Alliance board of directors also reserves the right to enact additional disciplinary action including the ability to revoke the offending student's privilege of using Idaho Digital Learning Alliance.