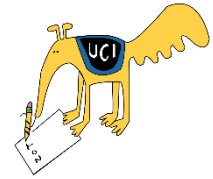


**UCI Virtual Programs for Youth  
Student Internet and Technology Use Agreement  
October, 2020**



**The Purpose of Technology Use**

The UCI Virtual Programs for Youth (VPY) has a strong commitment to providing a quality education for its students. In a distance learning environment, staff work in partnership with students and parents to ensure an effective and safe use of the Internet and all assigned technology. Apps, platforms, and technology tools are used within the program to facilitate student learning and to support the VPY's goal of creating engaging and enriching experiences for all students in the areas of Reading, Writing, Math, and Science.

**The Opportunities and Risks of Technology Use**

Students are encouraged and reminded to utilize the technology tools for program use only. These tools are intended to support student work and promote comprehension, research, collaboration, publishing, and other classroom activities. Inappropriate use of the Google Classroom, Zoom room, or other assigned apps may result in losing the use of such platforms.

VPY instructors and staff are cognizant of creating and enforcing norms of netiquette and online behavior. They preview all videos and assigned websites. However, due to the variety of filtering systems in the homes, the program cannot guarantee that students will not be exposed to materials deemed inappropriate. Therefore, it is essential that students and their families accept responsibility for the safe and proper use of the technology being used throughout the program.

**Personal Responsibility and Safety**

Students are responsible for their behavior and communications throughout the duration of the program.

**Students shall read, respect, and practice the following code of conduct:**

- A. I understand that participation in the UCI VPY is contingent upon my own behavior online, with my teachers, and with my peers.
- B. I will immediately stop and inform a teacher/adult if anything happens on the computer or on the Internet that does not seem right or makes me feel uncomfortable.
- C. I will act appropriately and demonstrate respect to others on all discussion threads, video conferences, within the Google Classroom, and in all correspondences with teachers and peers.
- D. I will not share personal or private information online.
- E. I will respect and follow copyright laws and regulations.

**Students shall understand that the following behaviors are strictly prohibited:**

- A. Using Google Classroom, Zoom rooms, the Internet, or technology tools to harass, make fun of, intimidate, or threaten any other student or person.
- B. Accessing, posting, or displaying any harmful or inappropriate pictures or material that may be perceived as threatening, inappropriate, or offensive to any group, race, gender, or nationality.
- C. Sharing or giving others access to information or materials that are private and intended to be solely for my own use (ex: Zoom room passwords or Google Classroom codes).
- D. Using Google Classroom or any other assigned technology tool within the program for socializing apart from an assigned activity.

**Disciplinary Actions**

Violations of this policy may result in an immediate removal from the program.

Local, state or federal law violations may result in prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

**No Expectation of Privacy**

Google Classroom and Zoom are public forums and users should realize that the work produced may not be private. UCI VPY reserves the right to monitor its programs, view files, and access material as needed.

**Student Consent**

Student understands that work is not private and that the program may monitor Student activity on Google Classroom and Zoom. Students will be asked to read the UCI VPY Student Internet and Technology Use Agreement and agree to abide by those rules.

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Consent:**

Accommodation needs: Should you or your child need any accommodation to participate in this program, please notify us in writing at least 10 days prior to this program so we can make every effort to make this program fully accessible for you and your child.

I have read and understand the UC Irvine VPY Student Internet and Technology Use Agreement. In consideration for my child being able to participate in the program, I hereby release The Regents of The University of California and the UC Irvine Virtual Programs for Youth, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's behavior or use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the types of damage identified in the program's policy and administrative regulations.

Parent/Guardian First/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_