More Students Ready for Tomorrow.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Verizon Innovative Learning, an initiative that puts technology in the hands of students, transforming schools into innovative and exciting learning environments. Our mission is to help give millions of students the education they deserve for a brighter future.

**What is Verizon Innovative Learning?**

Millions of students nationwide lack the access to technology and the skills they need to succeed in the digital world. Since 2012, Verizon has been working to help solve this problem, through a transformative program called Verizon Innovative Learning.

Verizon Innovative Learning provides free technology, free internet access, and hands-on learning experiences to help ensure the benefits of technology are realized by all. Through our collaboration with Digital Promise, a leading national education technology non-profit, we equip every student and teacher at select middle schools across America with a device and up to a four-year data plan. In addition to free technology and access, Verizon Innovative Learning schools receive extensive teacher training, support, and the opportunity to engage in unique, immersive curricula to leverage technology in their classrooms.

**How will my child benefit?**

Verizon Innovative Learning is having an impact in middle schools across the country. Through this initiative, 85% of teachers reported that the program allows for more individualized instruction, while 78% said it enhances student engagement. 54% of students reported having improved their confidence in what they can do.

On behalf of Verizon Innovative Learning and Digital Promise, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to work alongside the educators in your community.

Rose Stackey Kirk  
Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer and President, Verizon Foundation
Welcome!
Twenty-Six Houston ISD campuses are partnering with Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) through Digital Promise, a transformational 1:1 educational technology initiative, to create a personalized learning environment for today’s 21st-century learners. Each student will be provided with a Chromebook device and instruction that effectively integrates technology to increase student achievement, student engagement, student and teacher tech and STEM proficiency, student STEM interest, student problem-solving skills, student collaboration skills, student communication skills, and student confidence.

Daily Care and Maintenance
Students are responsible for the general care and maintenance of their assigned VILS Chromebook. To maintain and care for their assigned device, students are expected to:
- Bring Chromebook to class daily.
- Always keep Chromebook in the case provided by VILS when not in use.
- Avoid food or drink near the Chromebook.
  - If any liquid spills on the Chromebook, turn it off and stop charging the device. Visit your campus UDT as soon as you can.
- Swipe and sweep the Chromebook keyboard to clear all items before closing the device.
- Shut down and charge up the device nightly.
- Keep Chromebook charging cables at home.
- Always keep their assigned Chromebook in their possession unless directed by campus or district personnel.

Security, Monitoring, and Filtering
Chromebooks will be protected and monitored by security software to safeguard student internet access in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). More information on security, monitoring, and filtering can be found in the HISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Services for Students.

HISD Acceptable Use Policy
Acceptable and unacceptable actions listed below are found in the HISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Services for Students. For the full version of this document, please scan the QR code to the right or access the bit.ly link.

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Internet Access
The student's assigned Chromebook has a data usage limit of 30GB per month to support Internet access when Wi-Fi is unavailable. Students are expected to monitor their data usage routinely and connect to a home or school Wi-Fi whenever possible to avoid reaching the data usage limit. If students approach the data limit, they may experience interruptions or a slowed connection. The district remotely monitors the activity and usage of the student Chromebooks.

Supporting Student Use at Home
Chromebooks are intended for students' educational use both in classrooms and at home. Parents/guardians play an integral role in the safe and successful use of the Chromebook device. Parents/guardians are encouraged to:
- Model positive behavior and digital citizenship.
- Routinely monitor student use of the device, including but not limited to monitoring browser history and social media use.
- Maintain access to the student's username and password.
- Share family values around device use and care with your child.
- Establish limits for device and Internet use appropriate for your child.
- Hold students accountable for behaviors by establishing appropriate consequences for improper use of devices while at home.
- Talk with your child about their digital footprint, which is any and all information about a person on the internet.
- Look out for cyberbullying and notify the school immediately if you find evidence of it.

Lost, Stolen or Damaged Devices
As with any other instructional material, the student is responsible for their assigned Chromebook. Students will be provided with a protective case and Chromebook charger by Digital Promise. Teachers will work with students on responsible use and safekeeping of their Chromebook. Additionally, each device is equipped with an installed security locating feature, so stolen devices can be disabled and recovered. Students are required to report a lost, stolen or damaged Chromebook, charger or protective case immediately to their UDT who will notify the school principal, VILS coach, and district lead who will then notify Digital Promise. Damaged devices will be evaluated by the school to determine whether or not they can be repaired. The student's parent/guardian accepts financial responsibility for any intentional damage to the Chromebook or damage due to gross negligence. The district may take legal action to recover any unpaid costs of such damage.

Withdrawal or Transfer
Students and parents/guardians agree to return the Chromebook to their school prior to the end of each school year, or if the student withdraws from school or changes schools midyear. Chromebooks not returned as required may be disabled and/or reported to the proper authorities.

Student Accountability
Each student user is accountable for the responsible use of the district-provided device for educational purposes. Students who habitually fall short of meeting the minimum requirements of acceptable use will be subject to disciplinary remedies in accordance with the Houston ISD Code of Student Conduct and HISD Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Services for Students.
Exhibit C
MINOR STUDENT END USER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This MINOR PARTICIPANT END USER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"),
effective as of the date executed below ("Effective Date"), is entered into by and between
National Center for Research in Advanced Information and Digital Technologies d/b/a
Digital Promise (the "Grantee") and (the parent or guardian of the
minor participating in the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program (the "Minor Participant"),
who shall be referred to as the "End User" or "you" or "Your") collectively referred to herein as
the "Parties."

By your signature, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

PURPOSE
1. Minor Participant will receive a wireless device and service at no charge in order to
facilitate participation in the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program. The wireless
device and service have been donated by Verizon Wireless and are provided to Minor
Participant by the Grantee under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This
Agreement may be terminated at any time by Verizon Wireless for any reason. The term
of this Agreement shall be from the date of execution by parent/guardian until Minor
Participant is no longer an active participant in the program.

WIRELESS DEVICE AND SERVICE
2. The wireless device is intended for Minor Participant’s use alone, solely for purposes of
the program, and it cannot be sold or transferred to any other person or entity. Verizon
Wireless will provide voice and/or data service solely to facilitate participation in the
program; however, if Minor Participant has excessive usage, makes international
calls/text messages with the wireless device, streams audio or video other than in
connection with the program, or streams games, the service may be limited, slowed or
terminated without notice. At the end of Minor Participant’s participation in the study,
Verizon Wireless will discontinue wireless service to the device and you agree to return
the device to Grantee.

TREATMENT OF INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF THE DEVICE AND SERVICE
3. Information about the Minor Participant’s use of the wireless device and service,
including, but not limited to, details of when he or she used data services or placed calls
and to whom, is information of the Grantee, as the customer of record for the device and
service. Therefore, this information may be accessed by and shared with Grantee, and
those parties to whom Grantee authorizes, including VCRG. No personally identifiable
information or content will be accessible by VCRG.

FAILURE AND/OR DISRUPTION OF SERVICES
4. Celico Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") or its vendors and
suppliers shall have no liability whatsoever for End User’s losses, claims or damages for
any cause whatsoever, including direct, indirect, special, consequential, treble or punitive
damages, or for limitations in service, including but not limited to, any failure or
disruption of services provided hereunder, regardless of the form of action, whether in
contract or in tort or otherwise. This limitation includes losses, damages, claims or
expenses of any kind arising out of the use or attempted use of the services, or inability
to access life support or monitoring systems or devices, 911 or E911 or other emergency
call or service. You shall not be deemed a third-party beneficiary of any contract
between the Grantee and Verizon Wireless.
ARTICATION

5. END USER AGREES THAT, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW:
   (i) ANY CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS
       AGREEMENT, OR TO ANY DEVICE OR SERVICE PROVIDED UNDER OR IN
       CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, WILL BE SETTLED BY INDEPENDENT
       ARTICATION INVOLVING A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR AND ADMINISTERED BY THE
       AMERICAN ARTICATION ASSOCIATION ("AAA") UNDER WIRELESS INDUSTRY
       ARTICATION ("WIA") RULES, AS MODIFIED BY THIS AGREEMENT. WIA RULES AND
       FEE INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE AAA at www.adr.org. ARTICATION IS
       NOT A COURT PROCEEDING. THE RULES OF ARTICATION DIFFER FROM THE
       RULES OF COURT. THERE IS NO JUDGE OR JURY IN AN ARTICATION
       PROCEEDING. THIS ARTICATION CLAUSE SHALL APPLY TO ANY CLAIMS THAT
       END USER MIGHT SEEK TO ASSERT AGAINST GRANTEE OR VERIZON WIRELESS
       AND TO ANY CLAIMS THAT GRANTEE OR VERIZON WIRELESS MIGHT SEEK TO
       ASSERT AGAINST END USER. VERIZON WIRELESS IS A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY
       OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR SUCH PURPOSE.
   (ii) The Federal Arbitration Act applies to this Agreement. EVEN IF APPLICABLE LAW
       PERMITS CLASS ACTIONS OR CLASS ARTICATIONS, END USER WAIVES ANY
       RIGHT TO PURSUE ON A CLASS BASIS ANY SUCH CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM
       AGAINST GRANTEE OR VERIZON WIRELESS, OR ANY OF THEIR AFFILIATES OR
       PREDECESSORS IN INTEREST. If multiple claims are joined in one action, some of which
       would not be subject to arbitration, the latter claims must be stayed until any claims in that
       action that are subject to arbitration have been resolved. If claims are asserted against
       multiple parties, some of whom are not required to arbitrate, the claims subject to arbitration
       must be severed; However, End User retains his/her right to file a complaint with any
       regulatory agency or commission.
   (iii) No arbitrator has authority to award relief in excess of what this Agreement
       provides, or to order consolidation or class arbitration, except that an arbitrator deciding
       a claim arising out of or relating to a prior agreement may grant as much substantive
       relief on a non-class basis as such prior agreement would permit. In all arbitrations, the
       arbitrator must give effect to applicable statutes of limitations and will decide whether an
       issue is arbitrable or not. In a Large/Complex Case arbitration, the arbitrators must also
       apply the Federal Rules of Evidence and the losing party may have the award reviewed
       by a review panel consisting of three (3) arbitrators.

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