

Why have a Home Acceptable Use Policy?

An Acceptable Use Policy is a very helpful tool to use within the classroom, but it can also be helpful for at home use as well. I would like to encourage and inform you of the benefits and the importance of having an acceptable use policy. This agreement is a way for us, as authority figures, to inform children of what we expect from them and the consequences they can expect for their actions. That way children can own up to their own actions.

Your home acceptable use policy can just cover your rules regarding technology. It can also be more elaborate and cover rules regarding the internet or even chores. The options are endless. Children need the consistency and the firmness of following rules. They also need the awareness of what you expect from them. If they know that they are in an agreement with you, they could be more willing to accept their consequences when time comes to that. On the next page, I have created a template for your use to help get you started. You can simply fill it out and go over it with your children or you can make one yourself use a completely different approach. The choice is yours and I hope that this is helpful.