

## Cougar Cubs Instructional Technology Usage Agreement

Technology is a component in our world that is rapidly changing and moving us forward. Our vision at The Calverton School is to foster educational experiences that allow students to create, research, and practice. An integral component to this is the necessity to model and stress the importance that the iPad will be exclusively used as an educational device. We begin modeling this and introducing appropriate technology use in our early childhood program. iPads are provided for each child and students will be using these devices weekly. Per Maryland State requirements, we want to inform you that students are limited to 30 minutes per week of passive use. However, early childhood students at the Calverton School are guided with their use of iPads and have teacher presence and management at all times. Teachers work with the students to provide opportunities to improve fine motor skills and basic educational uses of the iPad. Children can be found led in a small group using this technology, using the iPad to take pictures of their surroundings and work, and listening to stories. The teachers have many creative ideas on how the students' learning will be enriched through the use of this tool. I find the quote below to be a very powerful statement and fitting for our continued technology implementation.

**“If we teach today as we taught yesterday,  
we would rob our kids of tomorrow”**

**- John Dewey**

If you have any questions in regards to the use of technology in The Calverton School Cougar Cubs Program, please feel free to contact me at [hmerryman@calvertonschool.org](mailto:hmerryman@calvertonschool.org)

Your partner in education,

Heidi Merryman

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Please sign below to acknowledge that you have reviewed the Calverton School Cougar Cubs Technology Usage Agreement.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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Date