

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The purpose of providing Internet and other computer network access in this district is to promote the exchange of information and ideas with the global community. The following represents a guide to the acceptable use of the technology provided by this district. All network use must be consistent with the policies and goals of this school district. Inappropriate use of district technology will result in the loss of technology use, disciplinary action, and/or referral to legal authorities. All Internet and other computer network users will be expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite. Messages should not be abusive to others.
2. Take pride in communications. Check spelling and grammar.
3. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or other inappropriate language, symbols, or pictures.
4. Protect password confidentiality. Passwords are not to be shared with others.
5. Do not reveal your personal address or telephone number or those of other persons. No student information protected by FERPA should be electronically transmitted or otherwise disseminated through the networks. If a student wishes to post personal information for fund raising, scholarships, etc., they must have a Release of Liability form signed by their parents and on file in the office before posting this information.
6. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited.
7. The district technology is not to be used to play multi-user or other network intensive games, for commercial ventures, for non-teacher initiated Internet relay chat lines (including instant messaging, messaging, blogging, on-line forums and chat rooms), or to download excessively large files.
8. No charges for services, products, or information are to be incurred without appropriate permission.
9. Be aware that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities.
10. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
11. Respect the privacy of others. Do not read the files of others without their permission. Copyright and licensing laws will not be intentionally violated.
12. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, Internet, or any other agencies or other networks which may be accessed. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
13. Report security problems to the supervising teacher or system administrator.
14. Do not disguise the point of origin or transmission of electronic mail.
15. Do not send messages that contain false, malicious, or misleading information regarding a person or a person's property.
16. Violators of this policy shall hold the district, including its employees and agents, harmless against any and all causes of action, damages, or other liability resulting from the willful or negligent violation of this policy.