

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS



2021-2022

Telecommunications Access Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy Agreement

SCHOOL NAME: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

DEVICE SERIAL #: _____

The appropriate use of technology and digital resources promotes positive and effective digital citizenship among students and staff. Successful, technologically fluent digital citizens live safely and civilly in an increasingly digital world and use technology responsibly. The promotion of acceptable use in instruction and educational activities is intended to provide a safe digital environment, as well as meet federal Communications Commission (FCC) and E-rate guidelines.

Neither the information, nor the content of information on the Internet can be controlled by the Hancock County School System. The majority of the sites on the Internet can provide a wealth of educational opportunity to schools and students; however some sites may contain information that is inaccurate, obscene, or offensive to some users. WVDE and Hancock County Schools apply filtering software to block or filter Internet access to picture and materials that are obscene, contain pornography, or are otherwise considered to be harmful to minors. Filtering software is not 100% effective, so every user shall take responsibility for his or her use of the network and Internet. While the intent of Hancock County Schools is to provide access to the Internet and online services to further its educational goals and objectives, parents should be aware that student account holders will have access to potentially unacceptable resources if they disregard the schools and school system's access limitations stated below. In addition to this county policy, all students and employees of the Hancock County School System will be subject to the guidelines and regulations of the West Virginia State Department of Education Internet Policy 2460. Both policies will also encompass the proper and responsible use of the network and Internet as a means of information storage and retrieval.

Use of the Internet and Online Services Is A Privilege Not A Right! The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) must understand that student access to any school network is to support the school system's educational mission. The specific conditions and services being offered will change from time to time. Hancock County Schools makes no warranties with respect to network services and specifically assumes no responsibilities for:

1. the content of any advice or information received by a student from a source outside the Hancock County School System;
2. any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her network access;
3. any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of the Hancock County School System;
4. the privacy of electronic mail, which is not guaranteed.

Copyright Observance

Employees, students, and patrons of Hancock County Schools shall observe copyright laws strictly with respect to information obtained or accessed through technology, computer software, and other print and non-print media. To discourage violation of copyright laws, the following compliance requirements are specified:

- A. Illegal copies of copyrighted programs shall not be made or used on school equipment.
- B. Students are to be taught the ethical and practical problems and consequences of software and media piracy.
- C. Downloading, copying, duplicating and distributing software, music, sound files, movies, images or other copyrighted materials without the specific written permission of the copyright owner is prohibited unless such duplication falls within the Fair Use Doctrine of the United States Copyright law.

Student Responsibilities:

- * I will limit my use of telecommunications in school to the educational objectives established by my teacher(s);
- * I will not retrieve or send unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate or unacceptable information of any type;
- * I will not seek unauthorized access of the school network, including wireless access;
- * I will not disrupt network users, services, traffic, or equipment;
- * I will not use abusive language of any type, including swearing, name-calling, nor transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials;
- * I will not divulge personal information with another user for any purpose;
- * I will not plagiarize information received in any form;
- * I will observe copyright laws
- * I will not use another person's account;
- * I will not share my password with anyone else;
- * I will not use telecommunications access provided by Hancock County Schools for illegal purposes of any kind

- * I will not use personal devices to gain or give an advantage in a testing situation;
- * I will not use personal devices or equipment that are not approved by the school or the individual teacher
- * I recognize that information posted on the internet is public and permanent and can have a long-term impact on my life and career.
- * If I identify a security problem on the network, I will notify my teacher and I will not demonstrate the problem to other users.
- * I understand that the use of telecommunications and/or access to the Internet is an extension of my classroom responsibilities and the behaviors expected in Hancock County Schools policy EDC, Safe and Supportive Schools apply.
- * I acknowledge that I have completed and understand the acceptable use of the internet training offered by Hancock County Schools the following website: <https://www.common sense media.org/user/register>.

Parent/Guardian are required to sign and return this Acceptable Use Agreement before student access to the network and internet will be permitted.

By signing this Telecommunications Access Acceptable Use Agreement, I understand and agree that Hancock County Schools will not be held responsible if I participate in inappropriate activities listed above. I understand my responsibility as a user of telecommunications. I have read the above rules and realize that any infraction may cancel my user privileges and could result in further disciplinary action, including suspension from school.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent or legal guardian of _____ (student), I have read the aforesaid Telecommunications Access Acceptable Use Agreement and will discuss this with my son/daughter. I understand that this access is for educational purposes only, and that it is the responsibility of my child to restrict his/her use to the classroom projects/activities assigned by the teacher. I also accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of telecommunications is in a setting other than school. I also understand that the teacher cannot be held responsible for intentional infractions of the above rules by my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

PERMISSION FORM FOR WORLD WIDE WEB PUBLISHING OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPH

I understand that my child's photograph may be published on the district's web page at <http://www.hancockschools.org> or my child's school's web page. I further understand that no last name or private information such as home address or home telephone number will appear with such work. I grant permission for the World Wide Web Publishing. I may withdraw my permission in writing at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Reference: West Virginia Board of Education Policy #2460 or Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)