

EUT POLICY ON STUDENT INTERNET USE

Policy on Computer and Internet Use

These rules are intended to provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities by users. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of computer and Internet access privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action.

1. Computer Use is a Privilege, not a right. Pupil use of the school's computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in the suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary and/or legal action. The building principal shall have final authority to determine whether a pupil's privileges will be denied or revoked.
2. Unacceptable Use. Pupil access to the school's computers, networks and Internet services are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with the school's mission, curriculum, and instructional goals. The same rules and expectations that apply to other pupil conduct and communications govern pupil use of computers. Pupils are expected to comply with these rules and all specific instructions from the teacher or other supervising staff member when accessing the school's computers, networks and Internet services.
3. Prohibited Use. The pupil is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving the school's computers, networks and Internet services and for his/her computer files, passwords and accounts. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include but are not limited to the following.
 - a. Accessing Inappropriate Materials — Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal;
 - b. Illegal Activities — Using the school's computers, networks and Internet services for any illegal activity or an activity that violates other policies, procedures and/or school rules;
 - c. Violating Copyrights — Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission;
 - d. Plagiarism — Materials obtained on the Internet (term papers, articles, etc.), **presented** as one's own work. When Internet sources are used in student work the author, publisher and Website should be identified;
 - e. Copying Software — Copying or downloading software without express authorization of the teacher;
 - f. Non-School Related Uses — Using the school's computers, networks and Internet services for non-school related purposes such as private financial gain, commercial, advertising or solicitation purposes or for other personal use;
 - g. Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access — Sharing passwords, using other user's passwords without permission or accessing other user's accounts;
 - h. Malicious Use/Vandalism — Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school's computers, networks and Internet services including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses;

- i. Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups — Accessing chat rooms or news groups without specific authorization from the teacher or teacher aide.
4. No Exceptions of Privacy. The school retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and Internet services owned by the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by pupils. Pupils have no expectations of privacy in their use of school computers, including emails and stored files.
5. Compensation of Losses, Costs and/or Damages. The pupil and/or pupil's parent/guardian shall be responsible for compensating the school for losses, costs or damages incurred by the school relative to violations of this policy.
6. Student Security. A pupil shall not reveal his/her full name, address, or other identifying data on the Internet without prior permission from a teacher or teacher aide. Pupils should inform their teacher or teacher aide if they access information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate or make them uncomfortable in any way.
7. Parental Permission Required. Pupils and their parents/guardians are required to sign and return the "Computer/Internet Access Permission Form" before using the school's computers.

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