

General:

A user account issued pursuant to district Policy and this Regulation may be suspended or revoked in the event of a breach of any of the provisions set forth below. A breach of the terms of the district Policy and this Regulation may also result in disciplinary action against the user consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, any applicable collective bargaining agreement, and state and federal laws and regulations, and, where the breach is suspected to be illegal, referral to appropriate law enforcement officials.

Responsibility:

An individual user is not permitted to damage, tamper with, read, modify, edit, delete, or hack into any computers, computer systems, or networks that are accessible over the district's computer network, or any district computer network user's folder, files or work. Due to the wide availability of services and information on the Internet, some of which may be potentially offensive to certain groups of users, the individual user must be responsible for his/her actions in navigating the network. In addition, the unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of any personally identifiable information regarding anyone is prohibited.

Privacy:

Users possess no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to their on-line activities, e-mail messages, or any information stored on district computers, and acknowledge that the Director of Technology and/or appropriate school officials may periodically review users' on-line activities. Users further acknowledge that if they are suspected of having violated this policy or any other district policy, rule and/or regulation, or any law, in any manner, the Director of Technology and/or appropriate school official may require access to their files to review on-line activities. The district, and/or any of its agents and employees who review on-line activities of account holders suspected of having violated this policy shall not be subject to any claims arising out of such review of on-line activities.

Security:

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the network involves many users. Anyone identifying a security problem on the Internet must notify the Director of Technology or appropriate school official.

Network Etiquette (Netiquette):

Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to: being polite, not being abusive in messages to others; using appropriate language, not swearing and not using vulgarities. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

Copyright:

Users must respect all copyright issues regarding software and attributions of authoring. The unauthorized copying or transfer of copyrighted materials may result in the suspension or revocation of a user's account.

Improper Use:

Users shall not post, send, transmit, publish, download, upload, copy, print or otherwise disseminate information containing any advertising or solicitation of other members to use goods and services that are not for school-related purposes. Users shall not use an account to conduct business or activity which is prohibited by law. The district shall not be responsible for any financial obligation that may arise from a user's unauthorized use of the technology.

Communicating:

When using the district's computers and networked information resources, all students and staff should use language appropriate in the school context. Profanity, obscenity, vulgar or sexually offensive language is prohibited. The unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of any personally identifiable information regarding anyone is prohibited.

Users must respect the rights of others and be mindful of the age and maturity of those with whom they are communicating.

Information on Other Systems on the Internet:

Some networks and Internet systems contain defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic, age-inappropriate and otherwise offensive, threatening, inflammatory, hate-promoting, violence-promoting, anti-social, or illegal materials. The school district does not condone or permit the use of such materials in the school environment. Users and parents/guardians of student users should be aware of the existence of such materials. Users who bring such materials into the school environment may have their account suspended or terminated, may be subject to school disciplinary action, consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, applicable collective bargaining agreement, and state and federal laws and regulations and shall be referred to appropriate law enforcement officials where such activities are suspected to be illegal.

Use of Network for Illegal Activities:

Users shall not tamper with, hack into, vandalize, read, modify, edit, delete or otherwise engage in unauthorized use of any computer files, including other users, that are accessible over the district's computer network.

Safety:

Any user who receives any communication that includes obscene, child pornographic, violent, harassing, threatening, or unwelcome content should immediately bring them to the attention of the supervising teacher or administrator.

Due Process:

Any student who is suspected of using computers or networked information resources (including the Internet) in a manner that would violate this policy or any other district policy, rule and/or regulation, or would violate any state or federal law or regulation, will be notified of the alleged violation and provided with an opportunity to respond to and discuss the allegations.

Any staff member who is suspected of using computers or networked information resources (including the Internet) in a manner that would violate this policy or any other district policy, rule and/or regulation, or would violate any state or federal law or regulation, will be notified of the alleged violation and provided with an opportunity to respond to and discuss the allegation in a manner consistent with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

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