

Acceptable Computer Use

Regulations for WRSD Students

The purpose of the WRSD network and the Internet is to enhance educational research. Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate and/or potentially offensive to some people.

While the district's intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. It is the district's position that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the potential disadvantages.

Rules for Student Use of Internet and E-Mail

Student behavior on school computer networks is governed by the behavioral expectations which appear in the Student Handbooks. In conjunction with these behavioral expectations, students may use the Internet only for approved school-related activities.

Students will not be permitted to:

- Use social networking sites;
- Reveal their own personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, user names passwords, etc., or that of other students;
- Use another's password and/or trespass in another's folder(s), work, and/or file(s);
- Access e-mail accounts or chat lines without permission and supervision;
- Attempt to gain access to unauthorized resources or entities;
- Post anonymous messages;
- Download software, such as games, applications, etc., for personal use;
- Unauthorized use of resources, such as copy paper, printer toner, etc.;
- Access, send, or display sites that provide material which does not conform with acceptable School use, such as pornography, obscenity, etc.;
- Violate copyright laws;
- Vandalize computers, computer software, computer systems, data, and/or the computer network;
- Use the network for non-school related purposes, such as commercial ventures, to set up personal web pages, advertising, etc.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

The administration reserves the right to review students' files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that the users are using the system within the authority provided by the District.

Teachers and other staff members will make every attempt to monitor and guide students toward appropriate materials and the use of the system.

This regulation conforms with School Committee Policy 6531: Student Internet Access.

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