

The School District of Greenville County Student Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

The School District of Greenville County provides computer, network, email, and Internet access to students as part of the learning environment. While these systems have the power to deliver a huge number of resources to our classrooms, their ability to serve students depends on the responsible and ethical use of them by every student.

"Acceptable use" of these systems is use that is consistent with the instructional goals of the District. If you break "acceptable use" rules, you may lose the privilege to use both classroom computers and/or the Internet. Further disciplinary and/or legal action may be taken at the discretion of school administration.

The District takes reasonable precautions by using filtering software to keep inappropriate Internet sites and email out of the classroom. The District does not supervise individual email accounts, a Parent Portal is available that permits the supervision of your child's email account.

Please note that parents may choose for their child not to have access to the internet at school; however, students who do not have access to the internet will not be able to access email or web based programs that teachers may be using in class. Your child has agreed to the terms and conditions of this document upon acceptance of the school district handbook. Violation of any of the terms or conditions will result in disciplinary action and or involvement of law enforcement.

- Treat computer equipment with care and respect** – Willful destruction of any computer equipment or software will be considered vandalism, and may warrant the involvement of local law officials.
- Any written text, graphics or executable files created, downloaded, displayed, or exchanged with another student or teacher must be for education-related purposes only.**
- Do not use school computers for illegal activities such as planting viruses, hacking, or attempted unauthorized access to any system.**
- Do not bypass or attempt to bypass any of the District's security or content filtering safeguards.**
- Do not use school computers for commercial purposes.**
- Follow copyright laws at all times** – See District copyright policies for more information. If you have questions about the legality of using software, text, graphics, or music you find online, ask your teacher or media specialist for guidance.
- Keep your password secret** – You will be held responsible for all computer activities associated with your password. For example, if you share your password with your friend and he/she signs on as you and breaks one of the rules outlined above, you may be held responsible.
- All online communication must be polite and not threatening or offensive in any way** – All students in grades 3-12 are issued email accounts. The District has the right to review any email sent or received using District equipment and email accounts. Email accounts should be used for educational and district purposes only.

- **Do not give out personal information on the Internet.** Never give out your phone number, social security number, full name, age, home address, or any other personal information.
- **Home directories are provided to students for educational related work.** Students should not store personal or non-school related work in home directories. The District reserves the right to review the contents of a student's home directory.

Please contact your school if you do not want your child to have access to the internet and email.