



TECHNOLOGY POLICIES

Newington Public Schools

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The Board of Education believes that the Internet is a valuable tool that should be used in schools to educate and inform students. The Board endorses student use of the Internet for learning and research which enhances information available through other mediums. Therefore, individual users of the Technology Public School Network are responsible for their use of the network and are expected to use it responsibly. To ensure appropriate usage, the administration will establish guidelines for student exploration and use of Information Technology resources. Such guidelines shall address issues of privacy, ethical use of information with respect to intellectual property, illegal uses of the network, and conditions or usage. The guidelines shall strive to preserve students' rights to examine and use information to meet educational goals and objectives of the District.

Internet Acceptable Use Policy:

Internet access is available to students and staff. Students may not:

- use electronic resources for personal or profit making enterprises, political lobbying/campaigning, electronic theft, or copyright violations
- transmit or download material in violation of State & /Federal laws
- use language or retrieve information that is profane, obscene, abusive, or threatening
- use electronic resources to disrupt the use or compromise the security of electronic resources including hardware/software, networks, or electronic files
- reveal personal information such as home addresses or phone numbers of self or others

Unacceptable use of the Internet or any telecommunications services will result in immediate revocation of access privileges for the student; parent/guardian will be notified. Consequences will be issued according to our Code of Conduct. Misuse can also have legal implications. School technology is not personal property; intentional damage to equipment will be treated as vandalism and consequences will be administered accordingly, including payment for damages. No food or beverages are allowed near technology and personal software, flash drives, etc. cannot be installed without approval of the computer education staff.