



NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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6-12 Students Acceptable Use Policy

These policies provide guidelines and responsibilities for Internet access and use of computers for students of the Norton Public Schools. Access to the Internet via the Norton Public Schools verifies agreement to accept and follow these policies.

The Norton Public Schools administration and faculty fully endorse the use of the Internet as an educational tool. Access to information, research sources, people, and computers throughout the world is available to students. The school has procedures in place to restrict access to questionable material and limit inappropriate use, however, control of all online activities is impossible. Therefore, all users who access the Internet through Norton Public School are required to adhere to strict ethical and legal guidelines. If Norton Public School users violate any of these provisions, their access via the school will be terminated, and future access will be denied.

Acceptable Use

I understand that access to the Internet from the Norton Schools must be in support of education and research, and I agree to the following:

1. I will refrain from accessing any instant messaging, newsgroups, links, listservs, or other areas of cyberspace that would be offensive to any students, teachers, or parents because of pornographic content; racial, ethnic, or minority disparagement; encouragement of violence; or illicit/illegal content. I will not use proxy servers to access restricted web sites.
2. Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting materials, links, email, dialogue, and information accessed/received by me. I will report any inappropriate information to a teacher or the system administrator.
3. I accept responsibility for keeping unlicensed/copyrighted software from entering the school via the Internet. Therefore, I must not download games, music, graphics, videos, software programs or text materials that are copyrighted.
4. Plagiarism is unacceptable. Therefore, I accept responsibility for using downloaded text in an appropriate manner. I will give appropriate credit for resources used. Violation of copyright laws will not be tolerated. I will not post, distribute, or use without permission material that was created by someone else.
5. I will be courteous and use appropriate language. Therefore, I will refrain from swearing, or using any forms of obscene, harassing, bullying or abusive language. If I am a victim of such harassment, I will report the abuse immediately to the system administrator, a teacher, or a counselor.

6. I will not reveal personal information including username, password, addresses and telephone numbers of myself or others.
7. I will not use the Norton schools' network to access any database or service which charges a fee. If any fees are incurred, I will be responsible for all charges.

Security

If I suspect a security problem related to my school's account or on the Internet, I will notify a teacher or system administrator. I will not exaggerate the problem by demonstrating the problem to others. Under no conditions will I share my password with anyone. I will never leave a computer logged in and unattended.

Any user legitimately identified as a security risk or with a history of problems with other computer systems will be denied access to the Internet through the Norton Public Schools.

Any user attempting to maliciously harm or damage computers, accessing/viewing data of another user, including the unauthorized use of debit or credit cards, will be denied access to the Internet through the Norton Public Schools. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses. I understand that the proper authorities will be contacted if these laws are broken.

Conclusion

I understand that the use of the Internet is a privilege and that inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. I further understand that the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and that their decisions are final. The system administrators may close the access of any user at any time as required.

The expectation of faculty and administration is that all students and staff in the Norton Public Schools will adhere to the above policies. We look forward to the expanding use of the Internet for learning.

Student:

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy and agree to all of the provisions. I understand that any violations of the above guidelines will result in immediate suspension of my Internet privileges. As a result of such violations, further disciplinary measures may be taken.

Student's Printed Name _____ **Signature** _____

Parent/Guardian:

I am the parent/guardian of the above named student. I have read and I understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to use the Internet provided by the Norton Public Schools. I understand that he/she is required to follow this policy and that any violations of the above guidelines will result in immediate suspension of the student's Internet privileges. I further understand that there is a potential for my son/daughter to access information on the Internet that is inappropriate for students and that every reasonable effort will be made on the part of the faculty and staff to restrict access to such information, but that my son/daughter is ultimately responsible for restricting himself/herself from inappropriate information.

Parent's Printed Name _____ **Signature** _____

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