

Students should approach their use of technology resources with the understanding that all of the school rules and expectations that apply to in-person interactions and to the student's general conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority also apply to their use of District and personal technology, their online conduct, and their electronic communications. This document and various other District policies, rules and regulations include additional requirements and expectations that are directly related to the use of technology resources and electronic devices.

Policies, rules, and regulations cannot directly address every situation that a student may encounter. Therefore, an additional aspect of "acceptable use" is that the District expects each student who uses District and personal technology resources to take an appropriate degree of personal responsibility for exercising sound judgment in his/her use of technology and in his/her technology-related activities and communications.

The District's technology resources, including the District's technology-related equipment, software, networks, network account and Internet access, are open to limited and regulated use by students as a privilege. Each student who uses the District's technology resources is required to follow the District's established expectations for acceptable use and District core values.

In general, "acceptable use" means that a student is required to use technology resources in a manner that:

- has a legitimate educational or other school-authorized purpose;
- is legal;
- is ethical (including, for example, avoiding plagiarism);
- avoids harm to any person (including, for example, making threats, harassing or bullying someone, violating someone's privacy, accessing another person's accounts, records or files, etc.);
- avoids harm to property (including, for example, damaging hardware, software, equipment, another person's work or electronic files, etc.);
- avoids accessing or transmitting harmful or inappropriate material;
- is respectful of others; and
- is consistent with all applicable school notices, rules, and regulations, as well as any additional directives or instruction that may be provided by District staff.

If a student wishes to use technology (including engaging in electronic communications) in a manner that is secured, private, and not accessible to the District, he/she should not use the District's technology resources.

If a student uses District or personal technology resources in a manner that violates the District's expectations for acceptable use, or any other established policy, regulation, rule, or directive, the student is subject to possible discipline. Examples of possible consequences for improper use of technology include the following:

- Suspension, restriction, or revocation of the privilege of use of District technology resources;
- The imposition of academic consequences for academic-related violations;
- Suspension and/or expulsion from school; and/or
- Referral to law enforcement.

If a student has a question concerning any policy, notice, rule, regulation or directive that relates to technology resources, or if a student encounters a situation in which they are uncertain about any expectation for acceptable use or about how to proceed, the student should contact a teacher or an administrator to obtain appropriate guidance.

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