

SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

PURPOSE:

In order to support and enhance teaching and learning, electronic communications and information resources must be provided. The utilization of these resources will facilitate the implementation and attainment of the District's Commencement Goals. These resources will be provided in an environment that fosters safe, legal, ethical, and responsible use.

USER GUIDELINES:

All users will be granted access to as many network services as their school issued technology allows. Exploration of the Internet is encouraged within the bounds of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District Acceptable Use Policy Statement of Purpose.

1. All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the goals and objectives of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.
2. Network accounts are to be used by the authorized user of the account for the authorized purpose.
3. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the Internet.
4. All communications and information accessed via the network should not be assumed to be private property.
5. Users are responsible for getting approval from staff for all subscriptions to newsgroups, listservs, and similar files.
6. Students in pictures, movies, or sound recordings may be identified only by initials (e.g., JQP for John Q. Public). Absolutely no first or last names may appear in reference to individuals in any image, movie, or sound recordings.
7. No personal information about a student will be allowed to go out on the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to names, home telephone numbers and addresses, as well as information regarding the specific location of any student at any given time.
8. Individuals who can identify an inappropriate use of online resources or a security problem must notify staff.
9. While exercising the privilege of using the Internet as an educational resource, users shall also monitor and accept the responsibility for all material received. Users have the responsibility of keeping all pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network from entering the school via the Internet, and to report all violations to staff.
10. Any use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
11. No use of the network, such as the use of obscene, abusive, or threatening messages, etc., shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
12. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computer system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computer system is prohibited.
13. Limits on the installation of copyrighted software are to be respected.

14. From time to time, the Governor Wentworth Regional School District will make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are consistent with the Acceptable Use Policy.

USE OF COMPUTERS, CHROMEBOOKS, TABLETS, ETC.

All GWRSD students have access to a variety of district devices, including but not limited to, Chromebooks, iPads, PC's, and Kindle tablets. They are for educational purposes only. Governor Wentworth Regional School District uses third party applications to regulate and monitor technological resources for violations of this policy as well as to protect and maintain a safe learning environment. Governor Wentworth Regional School District filters content in accordance with federal laws. The filters are managed by the District's Information Technology Director and can be adjusted to accommodate instructional goals as needed.

CHROMEBOOKS

Governor Wentworth Regional School District is fortunate to be able to provide each of its students with an assigned Chromebook. The Chromebook is for educational purposes only and can be brought home only if a parent or guardian has signed the Parent/Guardian Loaned Device Agreement and the Student Chromebook Agreement has been accepted.

MISUSE OF PRIVILEGES AND CONSEQUENCES

Internet access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in restricted access, cancellation, or suspension of that privilege.

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