Great Neck South Middle School
Digital Citizenship Agreement

At South Middle School, we view the use of technology as a tool for educational growth, as well as a way for students to explore the world and interact with the school community.   In concordance with this statement, we expect students to follow the guidelines for proper technology use presented below.

Respect and Protect Yourself

- I will keep my passwords private and will not share them with my friends.
- I will be careful about posting personal information.
- I will only post text and images that are appropriate for school.
- I will be aware of whom I am sharing my files with (keeping them private, sharing with teachers and classmates or posting them publicly).
- I will always log off before leaving a computer.
- I will immediately report any inappropriate behavior directed at me to an adult at school.

Respect and Protect Others
- I will not use technology to bully or harass other people.
- I will not log in with another student's username and password.
- I will not forward inappropriate materials or hurtful comments or spread rumors.
- I will immediately report any inappropriate behavior directed at my fellow students to my teacher, librarian, counselor, or other adult at school.

Respect and Protect the Learning Environment
- I will limit my web browsing at school to school research or personal research similar to that which I would do in class.
- I will not visit inappropriate websites. If an inappropriate page, image or search result comes up, I will immediately close the window or tab.
- I will not play games on school technology without specific teacher instructions.
- I will not change desktop settings and displays including cursors, background images and screensavers.
- I will follow the SMS Academic Integrity Policy.

Great Neck South Middle School
Statement of Academic Integrity

The South Middle School Community recognizes that the majority of our students work hard to present their own ideas in their homework, projects, essays, quizzes, tests, etc. Those who choose to become academically dishonest not only cheat themselves and their teachers, but also other students who show integrity in their efforts.

What is academic integrity?

Academic integrity means being honest with yourself and your work. In order to have complete ownership over your education, **you** must be the one in charge of your learning. Stay honest to yourself and your academic potential when completing assignments. Your academic honesty becomes compromised when you engage in any of the following activities: copying another student's homework, discussing answers to an exam you have yet to take, glancing at a peer's test to "compare" answers, or putting your name on a piece of work that is truly not your own. While these actions may or may not seem serious to you, they are all significant offenses and cannot be tolerated.

We are especially concerned about both plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism is the use of other people's words and/or ideas, in whole or in part, as one's own work. The Great Neck Board of Education includes plagiarism and cheating, among other forms of academic misconduct, in the Prohibited Student Conduct section of the Code of Conduct: Prohibited Student Conduct Policy 5300.30. Plagiarism and/or cheating may take many forms including, but not limited to the following:

- Allowing your own short or long-term assignment (i.e. homework, an essay, project, etc.) or quiz/test answers to be copied by another student.

- Submitting in whole or in part the work of another student or an assignment written by someone else.

- Allowing your partner or group member to complete all of the work for a given assignment

- Copying word for word from any outside source without proper acknowledgement. This applies to the use of an entire paper, the use of entire sections and paragraphs, the use of a few words, phrases and/or structure, and text or images created by generative AI (for example, ChatGPT).

- Presenting ideas from any outside source (such as the Internet, books, encyclopedias, or generative AI) without properly crediting that source.

- Sharing files with another student.

- Submitting a foreign language assignment that has been written using translation devices or internet sites.

- Copying quiz and/or test answers from another student or sharing information regarding a quiz/test you have already taken with another student.

If plagiarism and/or cheating are suspected, the teacher will investigate the matter and will review the seriousness of the alleged offense with the student and/or the parent. If plagiarism and/or cheating is found to have occurred, then a range of consequences depending on the frequency of the offense will be considered, as per Board of Education Policy 5300.40; including severe grade reductions on that assignment.

You are intelligent and you are more than capable of thinking for yourself. Use your own ideas and words to make sense of the world around you; it is a smarter choice to make!

Great Neck South Middle School
Technology Code of Conduct

Being a student at Great Neck South Middle School has many privileges. One of those privileges is that we provide you with many different technologies that will enhance your learning experience. If used appropriately, these technologies will be powerful tools for you to use throughout your time here. However, it is important to note that these things are meant strictly for educational use. Misuse of any of these technologies can result in a variety of consequences ranging from but not limited to: a verbal warning, contact with parents/guardians, removal of your iPad, suspension of your Google or computer account, or more severe measures as deemed necessary.

1. All iPad use should be for educational purposes. This is a school-issued device; it is not intended for personal use. As such, it should not be used for: taking "selfies" or photographing or recording your friends, other students, or teachers without their permission.

2. The Internet is to be used for educational use only. Using your iPad or a computer to browse the Internet (unless directed by a teacher), play games, or any other inappropriate use is strictly prohibited. This includes installing games or other software on any school-owned device.

3. Any attempts to circumvent the filter will be deemed inappropriate. This includes but is not limited to: buffering YouTube videos at home, redirecting network traffic to a proxy server, and connecting to a wireless or 3G hotspot in school.

4. Sometimes, there will be bugs or other exploits in software that we have no control over. Taking advantage of a known bug or exploit in an app or the operating system is strictly prohibited.

5. School-issued online accounts (such as Google) are to be used solely for the purposes of creating documents, collaborating with other students and teachers on school-related assignments, and other educational projects. You may not use any school-issued accounts to create, join, or take part in "chat rooms," copy the work of another student, or other activities not related to school.

This Code of Conduct is in accordance with Board of Education policy.

Great Neck South Middle Acknowledgement Form 2023-24

Please acknowledge that you have read and understand South Middle School's expectations and policies by completing the [Great Neck South Middle School Acknowledgement Form here](#).