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Internet and Network Acceptable Use Policy

Please read and keep this page for your records

Access to communication, collaboration, and creative technologies, such as Internet access, e-mail, and video conferencing, is available to students and teachers in the Tewksbury Township School District. We are pleased to offer this access and believe the internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources and tools to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing these services to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

To ensure these technologies are used to promote the educational goals of our district, Tewksbury has taken the following steps:

- **Issued the attached Internet and Network Use Agreement. To gain network privileges and use of the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must either sign and return the attached Internet and Network Use Agreement Form to their respective HOMEROOM TEACHER or submit it through the Realtime Parent Portal.**
- **Utilized safety software to: a) block access to registered Internet sites which may contain material inappropriate for a school setting, and b) allow District personnel to monitor the District network and Internet usage.**
- **Tewksbury defers the ultimate responsibility of setting and conveying the standards children should follow when using media and information sources to parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors.**

Internet and Network Use – Terms and Conditions

Users of Tewksbury Township School District technologies are responsible for good behavior on school computers, networks, and accounts (such as Google Apps for Education) just as they are in a classroom or in a school hallway; general school rules for behavior and communications apply. Network storage areas, as well as Google Drive, will be treated similarly to school lockers; network administrators will review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers or Google Apps will always be private. Students are advised to never access, keep, or send material that they would not want their parents, teachers, or peers to see.

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The following guidelines are provided to establish the responsibilities of the student when using technology in the Tewksbury Township School District.

Responsibilities of the User

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Users will not

1. Use a computer to harm other people or their work.
2. Vandalize the computer or the network in any way. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading, creating, and/or transmitting computer viruses.
3. Interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware.
4. Attempt to bypass network content restrictions or other security measures.
5. Violate copyright laws.
6. Use the network for commercial or political purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the system, or use it for political lobbying.
7. View, send, or display obscene, threatening, or discriminatory messages or pictures.
8. Post personal contact information (address, telephone, school or home addresses, social security numbers, etc.) about yourself or other people.
9. Share your password with another person.
10. Waste limited resources such as hard drive space, network bandwidth, or printing capacity.
11. Trespass another user's folders, work or files.

Users will

1. Notify an adult immediately if, by accident, you encounter materials, information, and/or behavior that violate these rules of appropriate use.
2. Abide by all local, state, and federal laws.
3. BE PREPARED to be held accountable for your actions, for example, the loss of privileges if the Internet and network terms and conditions are violated.

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Penalties to the User

The use of the Internet is a privilege and not a right. Violations of the provisions stated in this agreement may result in, but are not limited to, the following:

- A warning notice may be sent home to students and parents.
- Access privileges may be revoked.
- School disciplinary action may be taken.
- Financial action may be taken.
- Appropriate legal action may be taken.

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2025-2026 Internet and Network Acceptable Use Agreement Form

Students will abide by the Internet and Network Use Agreement.

Parents acknowledge their permission, via the Parent Portal, to allow their child access to the school's Internet connection and District network and to confirm they are aware their child could access potentially inappropriate material. Parents will review the following terms with their children and support them in abiding by the Internet and Acceptable Use Policy of the Tewksbury Township School District.

Parents and students in the Tewksbury Township District agree to:

- Use the Internet in support of teacher-directed education and research, consistent with the educational objectives of the Tewksbury Township School District, which include District-approved apps and AI tools.
- Use the Internet only with the acknowledgement of this document and the District-Provided Device Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Be considerate of other users on the network and the Internet, and use appropriate language in school settings as outlined in the school Code of Conduct.
- Do not tamper with computer hardware or software, vandalize data, invoke computer viruses, attempt to gain access to restricted or unauthorized network services, or violate copyright laws.
- Immediately report any problems or breaches of these responsibilities to the responsible adult.

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- Abide by the Internet and Network Use Agreement terms and conditions of the Tewksbury Township School District, as stated in the attached Internet and Network Use Agreement
- The district is not responsible for the support, replacement, or repair of any personal technology hardware or software.