

Northview Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Summary of Major Changes (rev 2023 to rev 2026)

The following updates have been made to ensure the AUP remains relevant to the evolving technological landscape:

- **Integration of Wearable Technology:** Explicit language has been added to address "Smart Glasses" and other wearable recording devices, focusing on privacy in sensitive areas and classroom management.
- **Academic Integrity & AI:** A new section aligns the AUP with the Board's Academic Honesty policy, clarifying that presenting AI-generated work as one's own is prohibited while outlining specific scenarios where teachers may authorize AI use.
- **Streamlined Prohibitions:** The general conduct section has been condensed for clarity while maintaining all legal and safety requirements regarding network security and content filtering.

I. Purpose and Overview

Northview Public Schools (NVPS) provides students and staff with access to diverse technology resources to enhance learning and global communication. Access to these resources is a privilege, not a right, and requires users to exercise personal responsibility and ethical conduct. All technology use must align with the District's mission and curriculum.

II. General Expectations and Network Conduct

- **Privacy and Monitoring:** Digital storage and devices are extensions of the physical school space. Users should have **no expectation of privacy**; the District reserves the right to review files, logs, and communications to ensure policy compliance.
- **Liability:** Users or their guardians may be held financially responsible for intentional damage to hardware, software, or data.
- **Staff Obligation:** Staff are required to abide by the **Staff AUP** in addition to the standards set forth in this general policy.

III. Prohibited Activities

To maintain a secure and educational environment, the following actions are strictly prohibited:

- **Commercial & Religious Use:** Resources may not be used for commercial activities, product advertisement, religious use, or political lobbying.

- **Software & Downloads:** Users may not install unauthorized software, bypass network filters (VPNs/proxies), or engage in malicious activity such as “hacking”.
- **Publishing & Conduct:** Users must not publish, post, or transmit material that is offensive, obscene, harassing, or violates copyright laws.
- **Network Integrity:** Users may not engage in activities that are destructive or harmful to the network infrastructure.
- **Security:** Users are strictly prohibited from attempting to circumvent network security or content filtering through VPNs, proxies, or other means.
- **Prohibited Content:** Accessing, transmitting, or storing any material in violation of any local, federal, and state laws is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: materials that may be copyrighted, licensed, pornographic, obscene, threatening, or illegal.

IV. Wearable Technology and Smart Glasses:

Smart glasses and wearable recording devices (e.g., Ray-Ban Meta, Google Glass) are subject to the following restrictions to protect student and staff privacy:

- **Instructional Use:** Devices that have the ability to record audio or video must have all recording features disabled during instructional time. Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record, and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information.
- **Sensitive Areas:** The use of smart glasses and all recording devices is **strictly prohibited in restrooms, locker rooms, and changing areas.**
- **Consent:** Recording any individual on school grounds without explicit permission is a violation of this policy.
- **Exceptions:** Legitimate use of assistive technology as documented in a student’s IEP, 504 plan, or verified medical accommodation is permitted in accordance to revised po5136: Prohibition to WCD exception D: Devices used for special education programming or devices provided as an accommodation to students as required under Section 504 of Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or as part of an individualized education plan under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131 to 12165.
- **Prescription glasses:** Glasses being medical in nature are still subject to the above stipulations.

V. Academic Integrity and Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Northview Public Schools values honesty and expects integrity.

- **Academic Dishonesty:** Presenting results produced by an AI platform or Natural Language Processing (NLP) tool as one's own work is considered academic dishonesty and a form of plagiarism.
- **Teacher Discretion:** Teachers have the authority to prohibit or authorize AI/NLP tools based on the nature of the assignment.
 - **Prohibited Use:** AI may be restricted for assignments designed to demonstrate original thought (e.g., creative writing, essays), practicing core skills (e.g., math calculations, vocabulary exercises), or other rationale where the use of AI isn't beneficial or may interfere with student learning outcomes.
 - **Authorized Use:** With explicit consent, students may use AI for research assistance, data analysis, language translation, or writing support (grammar and spelling).
 - **Preferred AI tools:** We recommend using Gemini by Google in that there is greater privacy of data when using this large language model.
- **Disclosures:** When AI is authorized, students must abide by any required disclosure or citation requirements as directed by their instructor.

VI. Violations and Enforcement:

Failure to abide by the terms of this AUP may result in disciplinary action, including the temporary or permanent loss of technology privileges, suspension, or dismissal. Any illegal activities may be referred to law enforcement.

VII. Limitations:

Northview Public schools implements precautions to avoid inappropriate material however no filter is 100% foolproof and it is impossible to eliminate all potential access to controversial materials. By using the network or granting permission to one's child to use the network, parents and guardians agree to not hold Northview Public Schools responsible for materials acquired on the network/Internet.

VIII. USE OF PERSONAL DEVICES ON THE NETWORK:

Personal network devices (phones, tablets, laptops, etc.) may be used in Northview Public Schools under the following conditions which are designed to protect the guest and the Northview Public Schools network. Network access is available through the guest wireless network. The guest wireless network provides filtered Internet access and related web-based services only.

Each time someone accesses the guest wireless network they agree to the Northview Public Schools' acceptable use policy as well as the terms listed below. If you wish to use the guest wireless network at Northview Public Schools, please familiarize yourself with the information below.

- Personal devices include any privately owned electronic device connected to any Northview managed network.
- Northview Public Schools will not be held liable for any damage that may occur as a result of connecting to the network or any power source.
- Northview Public Schools will not be held responsible for any damage, loss or theft of the personal device.
- The guest wireless network is provided as is with no warranty as to usability for a particular purpose. Northview Public Schools will not be held liable for any disruption of service.
- Northview Public Schools reserves the right to disconnect any personal device from the network for any reason without notice in order to protect the integrity of the Northview Public Schools network and/or to preserve the mission of the organization. Northview Public Schools also reserves the right to log any personal device activity while the device is connected to the guest wireless network.
- Guest wireless network access is provided for filtered Internet access. Personal devices will not be allowed access to other Northview related systems such as printers, servers, user files, or user home directories.
- Personal devices may be connected exclusively to the guest wireless network in Northview Public School buildings in the areas where this coverage is available. They are not permitted to be connected to any hardwired connections.
- Illegal, destructive, harmful, or any other inappropriate activities including but not limited to computer hacking, harassment, accessing offensive/obscene materials, or engaging in illegal activities are strictly prohibited.
- The owner of the device is exclusively responsible for how the device is used. The owner is responsible for the security of the device, including but not limited to having the latest security patches for its operating system installed.

- The owner of the device is exclusively responsible for the configuration of the device. This includes network configuration. Northview Public Schools is not responsible for providing technical support for personal devices.
- Student use of personal network devices in the classroom setting will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher and the school administration.
- The device must not interfere with the normal function of Northview Public Schools' Network or other wireless devices. If interference occurs, the device may be disallowed from accessing the network and/or confiscated.
- The device must be free of spyware, adware, worms, viruses, Trojan horses, and peer-to-peer software.
- The device must be used as a client only and may not run server related services including but not limited to web hosting services, email services, or proxy services.
- The owner of the device, or in the case of a student their parents and/or guardians, agrees to be responsible for and to reimburse Northview Public Schools for any damage that may be caused by the personal network device or use thereof while connected to the guest wireless network.

Agreement to the Acceptable Use Policy

By clicking submit, (or signing below), I certify that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions listed in the AUP above which complement Board Policies 7530,7540,7542, 7543 and 5136. I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions for network and internet access. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Signature)

_____ (Date)