

Enlarged City School District of Middletown

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Student Code of Conduct

The RULES for using your
Chromebook

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

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Students

SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES (ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's Computer System, consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems (the "DCS"). This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet." It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

Access to Inappropriate Content/Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices

This policy is intended to establish general guidelines for the acceptable student use of the DCS and also is intended to give students and parents/guardians notice that student use of the DCS will provide student access to external computer networks not controlled by the School District. The District cannot screen or review all of the available content or materials on these external computer networks. Thus, some of the available content or materials on these external networks may be deemed unsuitable for student use or access by parents/guardians.

Despite the existence of District policy, regulations and guidelines, it is virtually impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home, other locations off school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school functions. Parents and guardians must be willing to establish boundaries and standards for the appropriate and acceptable use of technology and communicate these boundaries and standards to their children. The appropriate/acceptable use standards outlined in this policy apply to student use of technology via the DCS or any other electronic media or communications, including by means of a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

Standards of Acceptable Use

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

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Students

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(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY) (Cont'd.)**

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the Student Discipline Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/guardians of any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys District property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to the District's control and inspection at all times. The Chief Technology Officer/Director and other persons authorized by the Board of Education or Superintendent may access all such files and communications without prior notice to ensure system integrity and to ensure that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should **NOT** expect that information stored on the DCS will be private and/or confidential from authorized School District officials.

Notification

The District's Acceptable Use Policy and accompanying Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and student's obligations when accessing the DCS.

Student use of the DCS is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the DCS will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to ensure acceptable use of the DCS. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the District Office.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #8271 -- The Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy

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ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MIDDLETOWN, NY

COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION/REQUEST TO DENY COMPUTER USAGE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMPUTER USAGE

In order to become a user of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, NY's computer facilities, equipment, and internet accounts, I understand that it is necessary to comply with District policy and regulations for the use of technology as presently in force and as may be amended from time to time. A violation of the District's policy and/or regulations regarding use of computerized information resources ("Acceptable Use Guidelines") may result in the loss of computer access, disciplinary action and/or prosecution in accordance with law, regulation and/or the District Code of Conduct. I further understand that access to the computer facilities may include filtered access to the internet.

I understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations of District policies and regulations/procedures for such use. While every reasonable effort will be made by School District personnel to monitor proper usage and provide internet filters to questionable materials, it is the parent's responsibility for guidance of internet use – setting and conveying standards for their son/daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media. Students who abuse the acceptable use of technology on the internet may be removed from access in accordance with applicable due process procedures.

I have reviewed the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, NY Acceptable Use Policy and Regulations for use of technology with my son/daughter. In consideration of the use of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, NY networks and in consideration for having access to the information contained on them and an internet account, I release the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, NY from any claims of any nature arising from my son/daughter's use of the internet.

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST TO DENY COMPUTER USAGE

In order to achieve the career development and technical education (occupational) learning standards articulated by the New York State Department of Education, students will be provided access to instructional materials and processes available only through the use of computers. **I understand that if I do not request, in writing, that my child not use computers, an account will be created to facilitate such access.**

Parental requests to deny student use of District computers will be considered in accordance with law and/or regulations.