

STUDENTS ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Students are encouraged to use telecommunications to explore educational topics, conduct research, and communicate with others to enhance their educational experience. Access to networked information resources (email, the Internet, computers, software, etc.) is a privilege extended to students for educational purposes. The Colleton County School District requires that each student sign this form prior to using any networked information resources.

Students will not engage in the following activities while using networked information resources, including the Internet.

- accessing Proxy servers (those web sites designed to bypass the district's web filter)
- sending, displaying or requesting offensive messages or pictures
- using obscene language
- harassing, insulting, or attacking others (cyberbullying)
- physically damaging computers or any vandalism of computer systems or computer networks
- violating copyright laws
- using others' passwords
- trespassing in others' folders, work or files
- intentionally wasting limited resources
- intentionally using the Internet for non-instructional purposes
- employing the network for commercial purposes
- purchasing something which obligates the school or another party without prior approval
- any other activities prohibited by the district, school or teacher

Staff is required to immediately report any of the above violations by staff or students to the building administrator.

Staff is required to verify the status of a student's AUP prior to allowing student access to network resources.

Sanctions may include the loss of access to computers, removal from a class/course which requires computer access, disciplinary action for inappropriate language or behavior consistent with school board policies, and notification of law enforcement agencies when criminal conduct is suspected.

Network/Internet Terms and Conditions of Use

Acceptable use

Access to computer systems and networks owned or operated by the Colleton County School District imposes certain responsibilities and obligations on users and is subject to Colleton County School District policies and local, state, and federal laws.

Privileges

The use of the networks and their resources is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in the severe restriction of privileges. The district technology center will deem what is inappropriate use and this decision is final. The contents of any material created in conjunction with the use of this network should not interfere with educational purposes and may be reviewed by district staff members responsible for the network.

Warranty

The Colleton County School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Colleton County School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdirected deliveries or service interruptions obtained via the Internet.

The Colleton County School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

User privacy

The Colleton County School District reserves the right to examine, restrict, or remove any material that is on district property or passes through the district's network, just as it does any other work or material generated or brought to school by students. Access to electronic information related to any student or staff member will be governed by the same policies that would apply to that information if it were not in electronic form. The district's technology center, as well as the South Carolina CIO office, will scan and monitor all network/Internet traffic. The technology center is required to block any network traffic on the network it deems as inappropriate.

*I have read and understand and will have my child abide by the Colleton County School District Acceptable Use Policy. I am aware that district technology, including the Internet and network access, is designed for educational purposes. I further understand that any violation of this policy may constitute a criminal offense. Should my child commit any violation, his/her access privileges may be revoked and he/she may be subject to other disciplinary actions prescribed by law or school board policy. I understand that the district's web filter can **NOT** block all unacceptable Internet traffic and I will not hold the district responsible for materials accessed on the network.*

Student's full name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Student's signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian signature: _____

This form must be on file at the student's media center.

This form MUST be signed each year and turned into the school.