

Colleton County Schools

Student Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy

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Students are encouraged to use telecommunications to explore educational topics and conduct research. Access to Information Technology Resources (*desktop computers, file servers, the Internet, computers, software, etc.*) is a privilege extended to students for educational purposes only. Schools will provide for the education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social network sites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. The Colleton County School District requires that each student and their parent/guardian sign this form prior to using any Information Technology 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 message or pictures.*
- *Using obscene language. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others.*
- *Damaging or vandalizing computers, computer systems, or computer networks.*
- *Violate 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.*
- *Conducting on-line purchases.*
- *Cyberbullying – the use of technology to harass, embarrass, intimidate or stalk someone else.*

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

Sanctions may include loss of access to computers, dismissal from class/course, disciplinary action consistent with School Board Policies, and/or 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. *The district reserves the right to use students' pictures and names to promote achievements of individual students on the district/school web site and school publications. Any parent not wishing to have their child's picture/ name placed on the district/school's web site or in other school/district publications should submit a letter to the principal stating that the parent does not wish their child's likeness be placed on any district media.*

Privileges - The use of the networks and their resources is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in the loss of or severe restriction of privileges. The district Technology Center will deem what is inappropriate use and their 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. Parents or legal guardians have the right to request to see the content of any material created or accessed by their child/children if feasible.

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 you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdirected deliveries, or service interruptions obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Colleton County School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through it 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, understand, and will abide by the Colleton County School District Acceptable Use Policy. I will follow Internet Safety information to protect myself from online risks and dangers in order to stay safe in an online environment. I will notify school authorities if I recognize any incident of cyberbullying or if I receive any inappropriate online communications. I understand that the district's web filter can NOT block all unacceptable Internet content. Because of this fact, I understand that it is my responsibility to use the Internet in a responsible manner. I further understand that any violation of this policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and I may be subject to other disciplinary actions prescribed by law or School Board Policy. I also understand that violation of this policy can result in total loss of computer/network access which in turn could result in my removal from a class/course that requires such Networked Information Resources access.

Student's Full Name (please print) _____ Date: _____

Parent's Full Name (please print) _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

This form MUST be signed each year and turned into the school's main office.