

Acceptable Use Policy

No. 815

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

SECTION: OPERATIONS
TITLE: ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE
INTERNET COMPUTER NETWORK

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815. ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET COMPUTER NETWORK

1. Purpose

All use of the Internet computer network must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of the School District of Haverford Township.

The Internet will be used to support the district's curriculum, the educational community, projects between schools, communications and research for district students, teachers and administrators.

2. Authority

The School District of Haverford Township reserves the right to log Internet use and to monitor filespace utilization by district users while respecting the privacy rights of both district users and other outside users. The school reserves the right to remove a user account from the network to prevent further unauthorized or illegal activity.

3. Guidelines

Procedures

Network accounts will be used only by the authorized owner of the account for its authorized purpose. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property and shall not be disclosed. Network users shall respect the privacy of other users on the system.

Prohibitions

The use of the Internet computer network for illegal, inappropriate or unethical purposes by students or employees is prohibited. More specifically:

1. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited.
2. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
3. Use of the network for non-work or non-school related communications is prohibited.
4. Use of network for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
5. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer system and/or damage the software components of a computer or system is prohibited.
6. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial communications on the network is prohibited.
7. The illegal installation, distribution, reproduction or use of copyrighted software on

district computers is prohibited.

8. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.

9. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited.

10. Use of the network to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords or data belonging to other users is prohibited.

11. Use of the network to misrepresent other users on the network is prohibited.

12. Use of school technology or the network for fraudulent copying, communications or modification of materials in violation of law is prohibited and will be referred to appropriate authorities.

13. Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files or other electronic media is prohibited.

14. The network shall not be used to disrupt the work of others; and the hardware or software of other users shall not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way.

15. Use of the network which results in any copyright violation is prohibited.

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With respect to computers with Internet access, the district shall employ appropriate technology protection measures that protect against access through such computers to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors, as defined in the federal Children's Internet Protection Act as well as against inappropriate materials otherwise available on the Internet. Inappropriate materials shall generally include: (1) materials or sites which lack educational value and which

in the opinion of the district do not represent an effective use of student computer time; and/or (2) materials may lack legitimate educational or intellectual merit and which depict images or convey messages of a sexual or violent nature, Under guidelines devised by the administration, the filtering technology may be disabled by Administration on a limited basis for lawful and legitimate educational uses by adults.

In addition, district administrators and staff shall randomly and regularly monitor computer use through physical presence and/or monitoring software which facilitates remote monitoring for the purpose of preventing and/or curtailing access to inappropriate materials.

Internet Safety

School District of Haverford Township provides instruction to minors on the topics of Internet Safety and appropriate online behavior.

When a person interacts in a digital environment all activities and behaviors are permanently recorded. Therefore, Haverford will provide Internet Safety education topics to include, but are not limited to: online behavior and ethics, social networking safety, chat room safety, cyberbullying awareness and response and other online privacy and security issues.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

The network user, whether student or employee, shall be responsible for damages to the equipment, systems or software resulting from deliberate or willful acts.

Failure to follow the procedures and prohibitions listed above may result in the loss of the right of access to the Internet. Other appropriate disciplinary procedures may

take place, as needed, for students and employees. Illegal use of the network; intentional deletion or damage to files of data belonging to others; copyright violations or theft of services will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution.

Internet Agreement

Please read the attached pages of information and sign and return this agreement to your homeroom teacher.

Student Agreement

I understand that Internet access is a privilege, not a right. After reading the Board Policy No. 815, Acceptable Use of the Internet Computer Network, I understand and will abide by the Haverford School District Internet Use Guidelines. I also understand that my failure to comply with the above guidelines can result in loss of Internet privileges as well as more serious disciplinary and/or legal action.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Student Name _____

Homeroom _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the Board Policy No. 815, Acceptable Use of the Internet Computer Network. I also understand that this access is designed for education purposes and that school personnel will make every effort to properly supervise my child's use of network services. I understand that since it is technically impossible for Haverford School District to restrict access to ALL controversial materials, I will not hold them responsible for any materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to have Internet access.

_____ I hereby give permission for my child to have Internet access.

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ I do not wish my child to have individual access to the Internet. I understand my child will not be able to use a District computer or District mobile device for any school activities.

Signature _____ Date _____