

Internet Acceptable Use

The Internet is an electronic communications network which provides vast, diverse, and unique resources. Our goal in providing this service to teachers, staff, and ultimately students, is to promote educational excellence in the Ashland School District, facilitate resource sharing, innovations, and communication.

The District supports resources that will enhance the learning environment that is consistent with the educational mission, goals, and policies of the School District. With access to computers and people all over the world, also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. There may be some material or individual communications which are not suitable for the educational environment. The Ashland School District has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. However, it is impossible to control all materials on a global network and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information.

Guidelines

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional networks. The operation of the Internet relies heavily on the proper conduct of the users, who must adhere to strict guidelines. Internet access is a privilege, not a right. If a user violates any of the acceptable use provisions outlined in this document, his/her account will be terminated and future access may be denied. Some violations may also constitute a criminal offense and may result in legal action. Any user violating these provisions, applicable state and federal laws, or posted classroom and District policies, is subject to District disciplinary action.

- 1) Parameters of Use
 - Must be in support of education and research consistent with District policy.
 - Must be consistent with the rules appropriate to any network being used/accessed.
 - Unauthorized use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
 - Accessing, or attempting to access threatening or obscene material is prohibited.
 - Distribution of material protected by trade secrets is prohibited.
 - Use for commercial activities is not acceptable.
 - Product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
- 2) Privileges
 - Access to the Internet is not a right, but a privilege.
 - Training will be provided for each individual applying for an account.
 - Unacceptable usage will result in cancellation of the account.
- 3) Network Etiquette
 - Be polite. Do not get abusive in your message to others.
 - Use appropriate language. Do not use vulgar or obscene language.
 - Do not reveal your personal address or the phone number of yourself or others.
 - Electronic mail or any use of the Internet is not guaranteed to be private. System operators associated with the Internet have the ability to monitor all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities shall be reported to the authorities.
 - Do not intentionally disrupt the network or other users.

- 4) Security
 - If you identify a security problem, notify a system administrator immediately.
 - Do not show or identify a security problem to others.
 - Do not reveal your account password or allow another person to use your account.
 - Do not use another individual's account without his/her permission.
 - Attempts to log on as another user, without permission, will result in cancellation of privileges and may also result in disciplinary action.
 - User must notify the District system administrator of any change in account information.
 - User may be occasionally required to update registration, password, and account information in order to continue Internet access.
- 5) Vandalism/Harassment
 - Vandalism and/or harassment will result in the restriction of the offending user's account and shall result in disciplinary action.
 - Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet or other networks, or any associated hardware. This includes, but is not limited to, creating and/or uploading computer viruses.
 - Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user or the interference in another user's work. This includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted communications.
- 6) Penalties
 - Any user violating these provisions, applicable state and federal laws or posted classroom and District rules, is subject to loss of network privileges and any other District disciplinary action, including criminal prosecution.
 - School and District administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes unacceptable use and their decision is final.

The Ashland School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Ashland School District will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer, including loss of data. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this Internet connection.

All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to all users of the network. These provisions reflect an agreement of the parties and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the United States of America.

Use of Electronic Devices

Students in kindergarten through grade three will have access to electronic devices as part of the curriculum and to be used under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Students in grades four through eight will have access to electronic devices throughout the day to accomplish educational tasks related to their given program and student outcomes.

At no time are students allowed to text message or make phone calls during the instructional day. In the event of an emergency, students will be sent to the office to make calls.

At no time are students allowed to use cell phones, iPads, or other devices to take pictures or movies of another student or teacher without the express permission of the teacher.

At no time are students allowed to use cell phones, Kindles, iPads, or other devices to assist them on exams, et.al, without the express permission of the instructor.

At no time are students allowed to use any school owned devices to post and/or share school information regarding school activities, students, teachers, or any activities that identify Ashland Elementary School.

Any violation of this policy will result in loss of electronic device use during school and disciplinary action as outlined in the discipline procedures/policies.

Legal Reference:

RSA 194:3-d, School District Computer Networks

Pub. L. No. 106-554, Children’s Internet Protection Act (www.ifea.net/cipa.html)

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