

TECHNOLOGY - ACCEPTABLE USE

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Consolidated High School District 230 provides technology for use as a tool to enhance classroom teaching and learning. Access to the computer network and the Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources. The appropriate use of technology promotes educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Curriculum

It is the mission of the District 230 educational community to provide a curriculum for its students which is dynamic, engaging, and sensitive to the continually changing needs of a global society. To that end, the District 230 educational community is committed to providing the necessary technological tools and instruction which will maximize a users ability to acquire, retrieve, construct, and present information. The use of the District 230 computer network and Internet resources shall be consistent with the curriculum objectives adopted by the district as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of its students.

Privilege Statement

The use of the District 230 computer network and connections to the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use as defined by Board Policy will result in cancellation of the privilege. Improper or prohibited use of the District computer network may also result in the imposition of disciplinary measures as defined by the District's disciplinary code.

Monitoring of Accounts

District 230 intends to monitor use of its network including, but not limited to, e-mail, Internet access, downloaded materials, storage media, printing, and other general activity. Accordingly, District staff may review files and messages created or viewed by users at any time. Although staff members will monitor and promote proper use of the network/Internet, it is the responsibility of each user to use the network/Internet in a responsible and appropriate manner and the District specifically disclaims liability for any harm caused by misuse of the network/Internet or from any materials or information obtained from the network/Internet.

Acceptable Use

The purpose of using computer technology is to support research and education that promotes the values and objectives of this community of learners. All use of the network must be consistent with the purpose and in accordance with this policy. The District's Authorization for Internet Access is a privilege which requires each user to adhere to the responsibility of acceptable use. This Policy does not attempt to state all required and proscribed behavior by users, however, some examples are provided:

1. **Acceptable Use** -- Access and use of the school district's computers must be in accordance with the mission of Consolidated High School District 230 and promote the purpose of education or research. The District system may not be used for any unlawful activity or for any commercial activities. The following general guidelines are noted.

Acceptable Use Guidelines:

- a. Be responsible for hardware and software equipment (i.e. notify a technology staff member of any change in the condition of equipment).
- b. All communication must be respectful of others.
- c. For your safety do not reveal any personal information about yourself or others.
- d. At all times you are expected to be polite and considerate.
- e. Do not reveal your password, identification number, or personal information to others.

2. **Network Etiquette** -- You are expected to abide by the general rules of decency; which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Avoid using offensive, provocative or vulgar language;
- b. Do not misrepresent yourself or others on the network;
- c. Recognize that electronic mail and other correspondence is not necessarily private. And remember that school staff may review and access your messages at any time.
- d. Never engage in any illegal activities. Computer users are not to engage in any form of:

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1. "Hacking" (unauthorized probing) and/or "Cracking" (making unauthorized changes);
2. Downloading of copyrighted material or making unauthorized copies of software found on District computers or otherwise violating any license agreement;
3. Accessing inappropriate or unauthorized areas;
4. Wasting physical and/or electronic resources;
5. Sending anonymous messages;
6. Introducing a "virus" to the system;
7. Using the district technology for personal (financial) gain.
8. Transmitting or accessing any obscene, lewd, lascivious or filthy material.

Unacceptable Use -- You, the user of district resources, are expected to be responsible for your actions. Misuse of the equipment or the network will result in consequences that may include denial of user privilege, suspension or even expulsion from school, and restitution. In situations where a negligent act has caused a loss to the District, the perpetrator will be expected to make restitution for the damages or be responsible for reimbursing the District as a result of the unauthorized use or misuse. When in doubt about any particular action, the student user, is expected to ask the teacher for advice.

Student computer and network users are expected to follow the direction of their instructor and conform to the educational purpose of the technological equipment. Inappropriate conduct will be referred to the dean of students for assessment and possible disciplinary action. The system administrator, in conjunction with the administration, will investigate all incidences of unacceptable use. Students will be held accountable for their misuse of the system and equipment.

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No Warranties

Consolidated School District 230 makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district will not be responsible for any damages users may suffer. These damages include loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, service interruptions or errors and/or omissions caused by the negligence of user. Use of any information obtained via the Internet/Network is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained by Internet/Network users.

Restitution

The user agrees to make compensation to Consolidated School District 230 for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of any breach of this policy and/or procedures. The user will also be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, fines for breach of license, and/or equipment or line costs.

Security

The Internet/Network security is essential for the user to maintain. If the user can identify a security problem on the Internet/Network, the user must notify the teacher and/or the network administrator for that particular site. The security problem is not to be divulged or demonstrated to any other user. The user is to keep his/her account and password confidential. Another user's account and password is not to be used for any reason or at any time. Attempts to log-on to the Internet/Network as a network administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges and disciplinary action. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the Internet/Network.

Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action as prescribed in this policy and the Parent/Student Handbook. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt (physical or electronic) to harm or destroy hardware software, data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the downloading, uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Disciplinary Action

Individuals who violate this policy may be subject to one or all of the following consequences:

- (1) Reimbursement to the District by the offender for costs incurred by the District to return the computer equipment, programs, files, telecommunication network and room environment to full operating condition.
- (2) Removal from access to computer equipment.
- (3) Removal from classes/work for a period of time.
- (4) Suspension of one to ten days.
- (5) Possible recommendation for an expulsion hearing/dismissal.
- (6) Possible notification to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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Termination of Authorization

The guidelines of this policy are provided so that you are aware of your responsibilities. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If an individual in Consolidated High School District 230 violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access may be denied. In addition, further disciplinary consequences as set forth and described in this document may be applied.

Statement of Understanding - Student

I understand and will abide by the above policy for school network and Internet access. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense; I am also aware that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's network and Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board Members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages from my use, or inability to use the school network and Internet.

Statement of Understanding – Parent/Guardian

I have read this Policy for the school network and Internet access. I accept financial responsibility for the actions of my child and agree to compensate Consolidated High School District 230 for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of any breach of this policy and/or procedures by my child. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that Consolidated High School District 230 has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network or Internet. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this Policy with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the school network and the Internet.