

Northeast High School Internet/Computer Use Guidelines

Internet access is available to Northeast students and staff. We are pleased to have this service, as we believe Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and staff. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in the district by facilitating resources, sharing innovations and communications.

Access to computers and people from around the world also makes available certain material that has no educational value. Families need to be aware that the Internet contains items that are illegal, defamatory, and offensive. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all material. Individuals may still be able to access inappropriate materials either accidentally or deliberately. We firmly believe, however, that the benefits from online access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure information that is not educational.

The purpose of the Northeast High School agreement is to ensure that use of Internet resources is consistent with our stated mission, goals and objectives. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students and staff. The following guidelines are provided so that students and staff are aware of the responsibility they will acquire. **If users violate any of these guidelines, they will face either restricted use, or be denied access to the system.** With cooperation of all involved, the Internet/computer system can be a valuable educational tool.

Consequences

Depending on the severity of failing to obey the guidelines, the following disciplinary actions can result:

Loss of Internet/computer privileges for thirty days;

Loss of Internet/computer privileges for the remainder of the semester;

Loss of Internet/computer privileges for the school year; or

Loss of Internet/computer privileges for the school year and restitution for system damage.

Please be aware that, depending on the severity of the infraction, you could also be subject to potential legal action.

Internet/Computer Terms and Conditions

1. Users are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school behavior and communication rules apply.
2. The network is provided to conduct research and to communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to behave in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege, not a right and as such, entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in suspension or cancellation of Internet/computer privileges. The principal will deem what is inappropriate school use.
3. Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online.
4. Users are not permitted to use the system for commercial purposes, political lobbying, or product advertising.
5. Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. If you happen by accident/mistake, etc. to get into an inappropriate area, let your teachers know immediately. Accidents will happen.
6. Physical or electronic tampering with computers is not permitted. Intentional damage will result in immediate loss of all computer privileges.
7. All copyright laws must be obeyed. No plagiarism.
8. Security is a high priority. DO NOT use another's password or give your password to another. Attempts to logon as another will result in immediate loss of privileges. If you discover a security problem, notify the system operator. Do not demonstrate the problem to another student.
9. The school assumes no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, line costs or usage fees, nor for any damages a user may suffer. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk.
10. The Technology Coordinator and the Network and Systems Administrator reserve the right to review files and messages.
11. Users are subject to all state and federal laws.
12. Chat rooms on the Internet are off limits to students.

Internet/Computer Use Agreement

I have read and I understand the rules and guidelines. I am aware that if I choose not to follow these guidelines, there will be consequences, such as loss of access or other disciplinary measures.

Student Name (Please print)

Grade Level

Student Signature

Date

I have read and I understand the rules and guidelines for Internet/computer services. I understand that there is objectionable material available on the Internet and that by following the guidelines, my student should not be exposed to this material. I agree to support and uphold the guidelines.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE: Please return this page to the Mrs. Roberts, Technology Coordinator. Keep pages 1 and 2 for your records.

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