

ROLLINSFORD INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Overview

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 Rollinsford Grade School by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Rollinsford School District views information gathered from the Internet in the same manner as reference materials identified by the schools. Specifically, the district supports resources that will enhance the learning environment.

In the schools, student access to, and use of, the Internet will be available under teacher/staff direction and supervised as any other classroom activity.

The School District, however, cannot prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with the educational mission, goals and policies of the school district, since Internet access may be obtained outside of the school setting.

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Rollinsford School Board to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all on-line network activities by staff and students. It shall be a violation of this policy for any user to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies of the network and Internet etiquette (Netiquette).

The Internet is a privilege, increasingly essential to learning that offers new freedoms and demands new responsibilities. Guidelines for use are practical and logical extensions of our community's commitment to conduct that is legal, responsible, ethical, and considerate (thoughtfully respectful of others).

Acceptable use guidelines

1. Acceptable 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
- Threatening or obscene material is prohibited
- Distribution of material protected by trade secret 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

3. Netiquette

- Be polite
- Use appropriate language
- Abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette
- Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private
- Do not intentionally disrupt the network or other users
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues

4. Security

- If you identify a security problem, notify a staff member immediately
- The school reserves the right to monitor for security purposes, any electronic communication on school owned equipment

5. Vandalism

- Shall not be tolerated
- Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, the Internet, or parts of the local network.

6. Penalties

- May include cancellation of privilege and additionally the user or parent/guardian may be financially responsible for any damages
- Any user deviation from the acceptable use guidelines stated earlier in this policy will result in disciplinary actions deemed appropriate

7. Liability

- The Rollinsford School District will not be responsible for damages that may result from the use of its available technology.
- Students must accept full responsibility and liability for the results of the student's actions with regard to his/her use of this technology.

- By signing the contract for acceptable use of technology, the parent/guardian accepts all financial and legal liabilities which may result from their child's use of the school technology.
- The Rollinsford School District reserves the right to change its policies and rules at any time.

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