

Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Students

All forms of electronic communication have vast potential to support curriculum and student learning while on and off school grounds. The Charter Board believes they should be used in schools as a tool to educate.

Electronic communications require students to think critically, analyze information, write clearly, use problem-solving skills, and to hone digital world skills that employers demand. Use of these tools also encourages an attitude of lifelong learning.

Technology offers a fluid environment in which students may access applications, research an unlimited amount of information, collaborate, create inform and share. While it is impossible to predict with certainty what information students may come into contact with, the charter school shall take reasonable steps to protect students from accessing material and information that is unsuitable on school grounds. This filtering will include such groups as, Malicious Intent, Adult/Sexually Explicit, Gambling, Games, Hacking, Intimate Apparel & Swimwear, Peer-to-Peer, Personals and Dating, and Proxies & Translators.

Blocking and Filtering Process

The charter school meets all C.D.E., C.I.P.A., and ERATE requirements for filtering and logging internet traffic provided by the charter school for students. This is for all student devices across school grounds. The charter school is not responsible and has no control over internet access that is available on school grounds by a third party.

Security

Security on charter school computer systems is a high priority. Students who identify a security problem while using the Internet or electronic communications must immediately notify a system administrator. Students should not demonstrate the problem to other users. Logging in as another user other than yourself is prohibited.

Students shall not:

- Use another person's password or any other identifier
- Gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to charter school computers or computer systems
- Read, alter, delete or copy, or attempt to do so, electronic communications of other system users
- Use proxies, remote sessions, tunneling, or any other technique to bypass the charter school filtering and firewall

Any user identified as a security risk, or as having a history of problems with other computer systems, may be denied access to the Internet and electronic communications.

Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may result in school disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and/or legal action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious or intentional attempt to harm, destroy, modify, abuse, or disrupt operation of network within the charter school or any network connected to the Internet, operation of any form of electronic communications, the data contained on any network, or electronic communications, the data of another user, usage by another user, or charter school owned software or hardware. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, or creation of computer viruses.

Unauthorized Software

Students shall not use any software that gathers network data with the intent to exploit the network in any fashion. Such an act is a federal crime under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and will be treated as such.

Charter School Makes No Warranties

The charter school makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, related to the use of charter school computers and computer systems, including access to the Internet and electronic communications services. Providing access to these services does not imply endorsement by the charter school of the content, nor does the charter school make any guarantee as to the accuracy or quality of information received. The charter school shall not be responsible for any damages, losses, or costs a student suffers in using the Internet and electronic communications. This includes loss of data and service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet and electronic communications is at the student's own risk.

LEGAL REFS.: 47 U.S.C. 254(h), (*Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000*)
47 U.S.C. 231, (*Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998*)
20 U.S.C. 6801 *et seq.* (*Elementary and Secondary Education Act*)
C.R.S. 22-87-101 *et seq.* (*Children's Internet Protection Act*)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
EGAEA, Electronic Communication
JB, Equal Educational Opportunities

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