

Wyndmere Public School District #42

Acceptable Use of Technology Resources

Rationale

With access to technology and people all over the world, comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Wyndmere School has taken measures to prevent student access to inappropriate information; however, the school cannot control all the information available on the Internet. The School District is not responsible for other people's actions or the quality and content of information available, nor is it able to guarantee privacy. The school board believes that the benefits to students from access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Wyndmere School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for student access to networked information resources.

Acceptable Use Policy

Wyndmere School is providing a means for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Access is a privilege, not a right.

The classroom supervisor and school administration will deem what is inappropriate use, and will have the authority to deny, revoke, or suspend network privileges for what ever period of time they feel is appropriate. Supervision of student network use is required, unless specific arrangements have been made with the staff or administration. Examples of unacceptable use, but not limited to include:

- Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts.
- Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted resources.
- Posting anonymous messages.
- Using the network to access pornographic or inappropriate material.
- Submitting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, or racially offensive material.
- Attempting to read, delete or modify files belonging to other users.
- Vandalizing data or disrupting the use of the network.
- Vandalizing computer hardware or software.
- Wastefully using finite resources.
- Revealing personal information about yourself or others (i.e. address, phone #, password)
- The use of any email service other than SENDIT it strictly prohibited.
- Playing games on school computers during school hours is prohibited. (8:35-3:26)

Students home and personal Internet use can have an impact on the school and on other students. If a student's personal Internet expression--such as a threatening message to another student or a violent Web site--creates a likelihood of material disruption of the school's operation, he or she may face school discipline and criminal penalties.

Students who are careless or willfully misuse/damage school technology may be subject to paying the deductible to fix or replace the damaged item.

Students who would like to make use of district services must have a completed "Technology Consent and Waiver" form (see reverse side) signed by the student and parent/guardian on file in the principal's office.

Wyndmere Staff Acceptable Use Statement

Wyndmere School is providing a means for staff to conduct research or communicate with others. Access to network services is given to staff who agree to use this technology in an acceptable manner. Access is a privilege of their position and not a right.

The school administration will deem what is inappropriate use, and will have the authority to deny, revoke, or suspend network privileges. Examples of unacceptable use include:

- Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts.
- Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted resources.
- Posting anonymous messages.
- Using the network to access pornographic or inappropriate material.
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I agree to use the school's technology in an appropriate manner.

_____ (Wyndmere Public School Personnel)
Signature