

The Main Street Academy

An EdisonLearning Partnership School



Acceptable Use Policy Information Technology Resources in the Schools

The school's information technology resources, including email and Internet access, are provided for educational purposes. Access to the Internet and computer resources is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, users violating this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) may be subject to revocation of these privileges and potential disciplinary action. Adherence to the following policy is necessary for continued access to the school's technological resources:

1. I will respect and protect the privacy of others.
 - I will only use accounts that have been assigned to me.
 - I will not view, use, or copy passwords and data.
 - I will not access networks to which I am not authorized.
 - I will not distribute private information about others or myself.
2. I will respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
 - I will follow all network security rules and regulations.
 - I will report security risks or violations to a teacher or network administrator.
 - I will not destroy or damage data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to me.
 - I will conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users.
3. I will respect and protect the intellectual property of others.
 - I will not infringe copyrights (I will not make illegal copies of music, videos, games, or movies!).
 - I will not plagiarize.
 - I will follow US Copyright Fair Use understanding.
 - I will respect Creative Commons licensing.
4. I will respect and practice the principles of community.
 - I will communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
 - I will report threatening or discomforting materials to a teacher.
 - I will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
 - I will not engage in cyber-bullying, which includes the transmission of any form of electronic communication with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm another student through overt, repeated acts or gestures, including, but not limited to, flaming, harassment, cyber-stalking, masquerading, phishing/trickery, exclusion, bashing and spamming.
 - I will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
 - I will not use the resources to further other acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct.
 - I will not send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
 - I will not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business, unless approved as a school project.

If I follow all the rules above, I may:

1. Create content that is posted to websites, wikis, blogs or other web-based tools.
2. Use direct communications such as Internet Relay Chat (IRC), online chat, or instant messaging with a teacher's permission.
3. Use the resources for any educational purpose.

Consequences for Violation. Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring. School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to protect school property or further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATIONS:

X _____
(Student Signature) (Date)

As the parent of _____ I understand the school policy regarding computer usage and will do the best I can to model your guidelines to my child(ren).

X _____
(Parent Signature) (Date)

Parents, please discuss these rules with your child(ren) to ensure he or she understands them.

These rules also provide a good framework for your child(ren)'s use of computers at home, at libraries, or anywhere.

For more information, see www.cybercrime.gov.