

ACCEPTABLE USE

It is the philosophy of the Apple Creek Public School Board that access to the Internet is necessary to provide electronic research skills that are now fundamental to the preparation of citizens and future employees in the age of information.

Education

Access to the Internet can serve as a valuable source of information and provides students with the ability to conduct research and to communicate with others.

Monitoring Use

The Internet also contains information that is not appropriate for student use. The Apple Creek School District has taken precautions to restrict access to such inappropriate materials through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use, but recognize it is not possible to guarantee that students will not access objectionable materials.

Internet access is a privilege, not a right. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior while using school technology just as they are in the hallway or classroom. Access to network services will be provided to students and employees who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure the proper and responsible use of the system. Students and employees who violate policies of acceptable use may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Prohibitions

The Apple Creek School District subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech and will abide by them. In addition, the following actions and/or activities are not permitted and may be subject to disciplinary action:

1. Using obscene language.
2. Accessing or creating files or sites containing pornography and/or other inappropriate material.
3. Harassing, insulting, threatening, alarming or attacking others.
4. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks.
5. Violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws.
6. Use of or participation in chat lines, chat rooms, and social networking sites for personal ad/or non-curricular purposes;
7. Using another's password or representing oneself as another
8. Trespassing into another's folders, work, or files.
9. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including chain letters, and inappropriate messages broadcast to mailing lists or individuals.
10. Employing the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain, and /or commercial purposes;
11. Revealing a personal address or telephone number of anyone (including oneself) without the permission of an administrator or teacher. Students are prohibited from revealing personal information about themselves and/or others without

- obtaining written consent in accordance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act and receiving administrative approval;
12. Other activities or actions deemed inappropriate and not in the best interest of the Apple Creek School District and its students.

Violations

Violation of this policy will, at a minimum, result in the following disciplinary consequences for students:

1. First offense (Level I)
 - a. Loss of k12.nd.us/email and Internet privileges for four weeks,
 - b. Parents contacted.
2. Second offense (Level II)
 - a. Loss of k12.nd.us/email and Internet privileges for at least the remainder of the year.
 - b. Parents contacted.
3. A student may be subject to Level II disciplinary action on his/her first offense if administration deems this necessary based on the severity of the offense.

Violations of this acceptable use policy or any applicable federal or state law, rule, or regulation may also result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students or termination of employment for staff.

Consent

All students and staff must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks and/or computers.

Complementary Documents

- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

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