

THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

Purpose

To support the district's commitment to providing avenues of access to available information, the available technology shall include, but not be limited to, access to e-mail, the Internet and the computer network.

The district's technology has a specific educational purpose, which is to provide students and staff with access to a range of information and the ability to communicate. Also, the system will be used to increase district communication and enhance productivity. The district system will also assist the staff and students in sharing information with the local community, including parents.

Users may not use technology for activities including, but not limited to, banking, political lobbying, commercial ventures, union activities, gambling or personal purchases.

Limitation of Liability

The Internet constitutes an unregulated collection of resources that changes constantly, so it is not possible to totally predict or control the resources that users may locate. The Board cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of materials that a user may encounter. Furthermore, the Board shall not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. Nor shall the Board be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system.

District Rights and Responsibilities

The network system is the property of the district, and all hardware and software belong to it. Therefore, the district retains the right to monitor all access to, and use of, the Internet.

Account Passwords and Security

The person to whom an account is allocated is the only person allowed to use that account. No password sharing is permitted. Users are responsible for all activity made using their password. No person may attempt to modify another individual's password or account information. Users may not alter or copy files belonging to another user without first obtaining permission from the file owner.

Expectation of Privacy

The work done on district computers, and the information contained in personal electronic files and communications (specifically e-mail), is not private to the user. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding anything they create, store, send, or receive. The confidentiality of such materials cannot be guaranteed. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspections of directories and messages. Also, administrative staff may examine communications or records in order to ascertain compliance with guidelines for acceptable use.

Encountering Controversial Material

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (2000), the district has implemented content filtering to minimize encounters with, and restrict access to, material that could be considered inappropriate or offensive. While the district utilizes such software, it is impossible to effectively control all data transmitted or sites accessed. If a user unintentionally connects to an inappropriate site he must immediately disconnect from the site and notify a teacher or administrator. If a user views another user accessing inappropriate content, he should immediately notify a teacher or administrator.

STUDENT MOBILE TECHNOLOGY (One-to-One) PROGRAM

The Manasquan School District is excited to offer students in Grades 6-12 participation in our 1:1 Student Mobile Technology program. In this program, students are issued a school-owned device for their use in school and at home, consistent with Manasquan Board of Education Policy # 7523 (SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY DEVICES TO PUPILS).

- When using the district-provided Mobile Technology Device, pupils must comply with the District's Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources policy and regulation: Board of Education Policy/Regulation #2361.
- The district-provided Mobile Technology Device is, at all times, property of the District. The device and peripherals, loaned to a pupil, must be returned to the District in the condition they were initially provided to the pupil considering reasonable use and care by the pupil while they are a student in a District school. The District reserves the right to demand return of the device/peripherals at any time. Failure to return the device/peripherals may result in disciplinary action and/or criminal charges sought against the pupil and/or the person in possession of the device/peripherals.
- The parent or pupil shall be responsible to reimburse the District the cost repair or replacement of any technology device/peripherals that are lost, damaged beyond reasonable use or beyond their value, abandoned, missing, stolen, or cannot be returned to the District. (Also see Technology Use Fee Option below.) "Damaged" is defined as hardware or software breakage that hinders the operation of the device while being used within the parameters of the Acceptable Use policy.

New Jersey's Anti-Big Brother Act Notice

The electronic device provided by the Manasquan School District may record or collect information on a pupil's activity or a pupil's use of the device. The Manasquan School District will not use any of these electronic capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student. The district may remotely activate a location tracking feature and/or the device's on board camera should the device be reported stolen or missing.

Technology Use Fee Option

As with any district-owned property, the district-provided technology device should be handled with care regardless of where it is being used. In accordance with Manasquan Board of Education Policy #7523 (School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils), the District offers pupils/parents the option to pay a technology use fee to protect pupil/parent from bearing the full cost of repair of accidental damage of the device and/or its peripherals. Details of the option to pay this fee are explained on the School District Provided Technology Device Form and in Board of Education Policy #7523.

ACCEPTABLE USE REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Manasquan Board of Education Policy #2361 (ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORK/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES) outlines the standards for acceptable use of the district's technology.

Any individual engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer networks/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities that violate Federal, State, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the networks. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
- B. Using the computer network(s)/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
- C. Using the computer network(s) in a manner that:

1. Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
2. Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;
3. Uses the computing resources of the school district for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud;
4. Steals data or other intellectual property;
5. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another person;
6. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;
7. Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
8. Invades privacy of others;
9. Posts anonymous messages;
10. Possesses any data which is a violation of this Policy; and/or
11. Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer networks/computers are provided.

Consent Requirement

No pupil shall be allowed to use the school districts' computer networks/computers and the Internet unless they have filed with the Director of Technology a consent form signed by the pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Violations

Individuals violating this Policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation 2361 and other appropriate discipline, which includes but are not limited to:

1. Use of the network only under direct supervision;
2. Suspension of network privileges;
3. Revocation of network privileges;
4. Suspension of computer privileges;
5. Revocation of computer privileges;
6. Suspension from school;
7. Expulsion from school; and/or