

Southampton County Public Schools

Network Acceptable User and Responsibility Agreement

By using a school computer, students and staff can connect to the Internet to gain immediate access to information from around the world. They can communicate with others by using words (text); they can find documents that include both text and pictures (graphics); or they can place (post) their own documents (text or graphics) on the Internet for others to read and use. Internet access allows people across the world to retrieve and share information. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources for our schools.

Following are guidelines provided to establish the responsibilities of anyone using the Internet. Internet accounts are a privilege. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her access may be terminated and any future access could be denied.

Responsible Use of the Internet

The Internet is a valuable educational resource for students and staff. Internet use and access is a privilege. Anyone who uses school Internet access in an inappropriate manner may lose this privilege. Students and staff who have the privilege to use school resources for Internet access are expected to abide by the following methods of interaction:

1. Use school facilities and equipment only for school-related, educational activities.
2. Be polite and use appropriate language. Do not use profanity, obscenities, sexually explicit material, or expressions of bigotry, racism, and/or hate.
3. Maintain individual anonymity and privacy. Do not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers.
4. Use equipment appropriately. Do not engage in acts of vandalism (malicious attempt to harm or destroy.)
5. Adhere to copyright laws and restrictions. Do not transmit material in violation of federal or state law or regulation. (Such material includes, but is not limited to, commercial software, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.)
6. Photographs of students may be included in World Wide Web documents provided no personal information is included and the student/parent has given his/her permission.
7. Use of the Internet for commercial purposes or political lobbying is prohibited.
8. Account owners are responsible for all activities under their account. They are not to knowingly give their password to others or use anyone else's password.
9. Use of Internet for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities, is prohibited. Illegal activities shall be defined as a violation of local, state, or federal laws. Inappropriate use shall be defined as a violation of the intended use of the network, including the intentional introduction of viruses or corruption of systems, files and resources.
10. Posting of personal student information i.e. pictures or names on Websites without parent/guardian permission is prohibited. Posting of personal staff information i.e. pictures or names on Websites without the individual's permission is prohibited.
11. Southampton County Public Schools shall remain the final authority on use of the Internet.

All Southampton County Public School personnel and students in grades K-12 are eligible for an account to use the Internet. Internet access accounts will be managed by school personnel.

All Terms and Conditions as stated in this document are applicable to any Southampton County Public Schools' network. These Terms and Conditions reflect the entire agreement and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These Terms and Conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Virginia, United States of America.

Cyberbullying is using information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and page text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal Web sites, and defamatory online personal polling sites, to support deliberate, hostile behavior intended to harm others.

Cyberbullying can take many different forms online including sending mean, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting sensitive or private information about another person; or intentionally excluding someone from an online group. Most often cyberbullying occurs through emails, instant messaging, text messaging, Web pages, blogs and chat rooms.

Several examples of cyberbullying include but are not limited to:

1. Flaming: Online fights using electronic messages with angry and vulgar language
2. Harassment: Repeatedly sending nasty, mean, and insulting messages
3. Denigration: Sending or posting gossip or rumors about a person to damage his or her reputation or friendships
4. Impersonation: Pretending to be someone else and sending or posting material to get that person in trouble or in danger; or to damage that person's reputation or friendships
5. Outing: Sharing someone's secrets or embarrassing information or images online
6. Trickery: Talking some one into revealing secrets or embarrassing information, then sharing it online.
7. Exclusion: Intentionally and cruelly excluding someone from an online group
8. Cyberstalking: Repeated, intense harassment and denigration that includes threats or creates significant fear

Cyberbullying on the part of students or staff will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken against those violating this policy.

NOTE: Staff or students involved in cyberbullying may be prosecuted under the following Virginia laws related to cyberbullying.

§18.2-56. Hazing unlawful; civil and criminal liability; duty of school, etc., officials
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp525.exe?000+cod+18.2-56>

§18.2-60.3. Stalking; penalty <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp524.exe?000+cod+18.2-60.3>

§ 18.2-152.7:1 Harassment by computer (cyberbullying) <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-152.7C1>

§18.2-152.7 Personal trespass by computer <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-152.7>

STUDENT NETWORK RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

"I understand and will abide by the above Terms and Conditions for the privilege of using the Internet in Southampton County Public Schools. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked; school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken."

User's name (please print): _____

User's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*If user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read, agree to, and sign this agreement.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NETWORK RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions of Southampton County Public Schools' Network Acceptable Use and Responsibility Agreement for network services. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and Southampton County Public Schools has taken reasonable precautions to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Southampton County Public Schools to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials available on the network.

I hereby give my permission for my child to access the Internet in Southampton County Public Schools and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom: _____

Office use only:

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

User name assigned: _____ Date assigned: _____ Assigned by: _____

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i will comply with the good conduct policies as set forth in the SCPS Acceptable Use Procedure document.

i will not share or post online any personal information such as my full name, address, telephone numbers, photos, and passwords.

i will not respond to any online communication that makes me feel uncomfortable and will report the incident to a parent, guardian, teacher, and/or counselor.

i will not open e-mail or download attachments from unknown or suspicious sources.

i will not visit or download files or programs from inappropriate or unapproved SCPS sites.

i will respect copyright laws and verify information as credible, citing my online sources.

i will be a good online citizen and will not do anything that hurts other people or that is against the law.

Signature: _____

