

R2361 Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources

The Board directs the Superintendent to specify those behaviors which are permitted and those which are not permitted, as well as appropriate procedures to guide employee and student use. In general, users are expected to communicate in a professional manner consistent with state laws governing the behavior of students and school employees, as well as with federal laws governing copyrights.

The Board encourages staff to make use of telecommunications to explore educational topics, conduct research, and contact others in the educational world. The Board anticipates that the new systems will expedite the sharing of effective practices and lessons across the district and will help users stay on the leading edge by forming partnerships with others within our school district, across the nation and around the world.

The Network Supervisor will report inappropriate behaviors, violations, or complaints to the employee's supervisor or student's teacher who will take appropriate disciplinary action. Violations may result in a loss of access and/or disciplinary action. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Computer access is granted to individual staff and students for their sole use only. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Each user will be given copies of this regulation and procedures and will sign an acceptable use agreement before establishing an account or continuing use.

The following are not permitted:

- Sharing of accounts, IDs, or passwords-
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language-Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Trespassing in another's subdirectories, tiers, work, or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources, such as Internet Radio
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

District Network, E-Mail, Online Global Communications and Internet Rules

Any and all individual users of the district computer networks, from within the school district or off site, are responsible for their behaviors and communications over those networks.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others for educational purposes. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege-not a right. Access entails responsibility. Parent permission is required.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and

communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Violations

Violations of the Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Disciplinary action shall be taken as indicated in Policies and Regulations No. 2361, Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources, No. 5600, Pupil Discipline, No. 5610, Suspension and No. 5620, Expulsion as well as possible legal action and reports to the legal authorities and entities.

Determination of Consequences for Violations

The particular consequences for violations of this policy shall be determined by the Principal in matters relating to the use of computer networks/computers and by the Principal in matters of school suspension. The Superintendent or designee and the Board shall determine when school expulsion and/or legal action or actions by the authorities are the appropriate course of action.

Individuals violating this policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation No. 2361 and other appropriate discipline which includes but are not limited to:

1. Use of Computer Network/Computers 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
8. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

Decisions of the Principal may be appealed in accordance with Policy No. 5710 Pupil Grievances.

Egg Harbor Township Schools
Acceptable Use Policy Student Permission Form

I understand that use of the Internet is an exceptional educational opportunity and privilege. Since Internet use represents both the individual and Egg Harbor Township Schools, a high standard of personal responsibility is required in order to maintain that privilege.

The use of my account, from within the buildings or off site will be in support of education and consistent with the educational objectives of the Egg Harbor Township School District. This includes but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening, or obscene material.

I will not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others or waste resources. Attempts to log into the systems as any other user may result in cancellation of user privileges. Access to the network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

I understand that misuse of any part of the computer network or communications system of Egg Harbor Township Schools, from within the buildings or off site will result in suspension or permanent loss of telecommunications privileges and possible additional disciplinary action.

The electronic equipment used is property of the Egg Harbor Township School District and as a result all software must be installed according to the license agreement and must adhere to the copyright laws. All data that is stored, composed, transmitted or received via Egg Harbor Township's system is considered to be property of Egg Harbor Township.

I agree that I have read the entire Acceptable Use Policy located in the student handbook or the district's web page at <http://www.eht.k12.nj.us>.

As a user of the Egg Harbor Township School's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules, communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____

School _____ Grade _____ Homeroom/Teacher _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use-setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Please sign and return within ten days.

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