

East China School District - Secondary Student Internet and Technology Acceptable Use Guidelines – 2009-10

Use of technology and Internet/on-line services can greatly enhance a student's educational experience. The following Acceptable Use Guidelines are provided so that students and parents/guardians are aware of the responsibilities involved in using various technology resources and Internet/on-line services in East China School District. Use of technology and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Appropriate discipline as outlined in the ECSD Student Code of Conduct will be administered for violation of any of the following guidelines. Such discipline may include, but not be limited to, revoking technology and/or Internet privileges, dismissal, or expulsion from the District, and/or possible criminal or legal sanctions.

1. Acceptable Use Guidelines apply at all times.
2. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on school computers and networks just as they are in classrooms, hallways, and on other school grounds.
3. Students may not damage computers, computer systems, or computer networks, or change computer settings (without permission).
4. Students may not trespass in another person's folders or files, and may not modify computer files or student work other than their own.
5. Students must not waste technology resources (e.g., storage space, time, printer resources, etc.)
6. Students may not send, receive, or display offensive messages or pictures, or use obscene language; nor may students use technology to harass, insult, or attack others.
7. Students may not share their passwords with anyone, or use or give out another person's account information and/or password.
8. Students are to follow copyright laws (including those on plagiarism) with regard to software and material available through the Internet or on-line services.
9. Students are to report misuse of technology resources to their teacher or other person in charge.
10. Students are not to load, remove, or copy software without permission of an authorized district representative.
11. No student will access the Internet independently unless a properly signed Internet and Technology Use Agreement is on file in the Media Center.
12. Transmission of any material in violation of U.S. or state regulations---including copyrighted, threatening, or obscene materials---is prohibited.
13. Students may not use the network or technology for commercial, profit-making purposes, for political lobbying, product promotion, or illegal activities.
14. Students may not enter or sign up for Internet clubs, chat rooms, or listservs.
15. Students may not divulge personal information about themselves, or others, to strangers (e.g., address, telephone number, email address, parents' names, credit card numbers, passwords, or other confidential information).
16. Students may not check any personal email accounts during instructional time.
17. Students will also report accidental access of inappropriate web sites to their teacher or other person in charge.
18. Student Connect is available to secondary students and must be used appropriately following the technology acceptable use guidelines.

The East China School District decides what is appropriate use of Internet/technology and reserves the right to review any material stored in files, and may remove or edit any material which the staff, in its sole discretion, believes may be unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable.