Electronic Resources – Authorized User Policy

Henry County Schools is pleased to bring Internet/World Wide Web access to school system staff. The purpose of the service is to provide teachers and students access to electronic resources to support job responsibilities that ultimately support the teaching and learning process. Staff access to the Internet and computer resources is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, users violating Henry County Schools Authorized User Policy shall be subject to revocation of these privileges.

The Internet Safety Policy and school system measures are designed to address safety and security when using direct electronic communication. Electronic resources are defined as the following: Internet, World Wide Web (WWW), chat rooms, electronic mail, online resources, services, network information, licensed software, telecommunication resources, and all hardware on which it is being accessed. As needed, school officials can and will search data or e-mail stored on school system owned computers and networks. All users are expected to abide by the accepted electronic resources rules to include (but not limited to) the following:

1. Follow school system regulations which concern the use of electronic resources (i.e., will not damage computers, will respect the privacy of other users' files, will follow directions of staff, will not be wasteful of resources).
2. Comply with network policies (i.e., student and staff logins) including not circumventing desktop protection applications.
3. Use the Internet for appropriate educational resources.
4. Students may use electronic resources only with permission of a teacher or school administrator.
5. Respect and uphold the copyright laws (i.e., giving credit to the rightful author and not distributing protected materials or software).
6. Immediately report any security problems or violations of these conditions to appropriate school system staff.
7. Do not use language that is obscene, insulting, purposely inaccurate or offensive to others.
8. Do not access inappropriate materials or show others how to use them.
9. Do not disseminate personal information regarding minors or staff members.
10. Do not transmit computer viruses or any other malicious programs.
11. Do not intentionally damage or unlawfully disrupt Internet/WWW services or network/hardware/software that provides delivery of electronic resources.
12. Do not install or remove software on any computer or server without permission.
13. Do not share any/all electronic resources user ID's and passwords.
14. Posting messages and attributing them to another user is prohibited.

School personnel, including substitute teachers and paraprofessionals, are responsible for coordinating and monitoring appropriate use of the Internet and all electronic resources.

Failure to abide by this Board policy and administrative procedures governing use of the school system's electronic resources may result in the suspension and/or revocation of system access. Additionally, student violations may result in discipline up to and including long-term suspension, expulsion and/or appropriate legal action.

Henry County Schools has taken precautions, which are limited, to restrict access to controversial materials, however, on a global network it is impossible to control all. A user may accidentally or purposely discover controversial information. Use of any information obtained via electronic resources is at the risk of the user.

Henry County Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Henry County Schools will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer, including loss of data or cost incurred from a commercial service. Henry County Schools will not be responsible for the accuracy of quality of information obtained through any telecommunication or electronic resource.