

Pulaski County School System - Technology and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

It is the belief of the Pulaski County School System that the integration of technology into daily academic activities is integral to the success of the school's instructional programs. It is, therefore, important that the integrity of the equipment, software and data be maintained for maximum use by every student. In this regard, the Pulaski County School System requires that all students who use technology in any form sign the following behavioral contract, acknowledging these guidelines as necessary in order for the school to maintain productive classrooms and equipment.

Student use of the computers, printers, peripherals and other electronic devices are for educational use only. Each student is assigned a lesson with specific objectives. The teacher will give instructions as to what and how the software is to be used. The violations of the provisions of this policy may result in the cancellation of privileges in the computer lab and in the some cases, disciplinary action.

Before use, all students will be briefed on the aspects of security and ethics involved in using technology.

By signing this agreement, the student and parent/guardian agrees to the following conditions:

- Students will not attempt to make any changes in the configuration of the computer system or software, which are not intended by the instructor to complete the objectives in the student lesson.
- Students will not use to use portable storage devices including thumb drives in the classroom unless the teacher has granted permission to do so. The instructor may request the opportunity to scan the disk and directory before granting permission for use in the classroom.
- Students will never use a game disk on computers at Hawkinsville High.
- Students will not share passwords.
- The use of scanner and camera/digital camera for educational objectives only and will receive prior permission from the instructor.
- Students will not share files or directories. This will be considered cheating. Students will respect the work of other students at all times.
- Under NO circumstances will a student login with any credentials other than those assigned to him/her from the network administrators.
- Students will not modify the operating system and network preferences of any workstation. This includes adding/deleting files, changing windows, downloading, installing software, running other software, and changing any files/information on the hard drive/file server.
- Students will not attempt to circumvent the network firewall or internet filtering devices by accessing or attempting to access anonymous proxy sites or anonymous browsing sites.
- Students should report any malfunction of electronic equipment or computers to the teacher immediately.
- Email addresses assigned to students through the Pulaski County School System network will be used for educational use only.

Student use of the Internet shall be subject to the provisions of Board of Education policy IFBGA-Appropriate use of the Internet. Students agree to follow all school system guidelines in reference to the Internet.

The Pulaski County School District also provides great educational benefits to students with the use of the Internet. Unfortunately, however, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the Internet is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that students and parents or guardians read, accept and sign the following rules for acceptable on-line behavior.

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on the Internet just as they are in school. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.
2. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files would always be private.
3. In order to access any part of the Internet (e-mail, web page, news groups, etc.) prior permission must be granted by the student's instructor or supervisor.
4. The following are not permitted at Hawkinsville High School:
 - a) Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
 - b) Using obscene language.
 - c) Harassing, insulting, bullying or attacking others.
 - d) Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
 - e) Violating copyright laws.
 - f) Using another's password.
 - g) Trespassing in another's folders, work or files.
 - h) Intentionally wasting limited resources, including through the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcasted to mailing lists or individuals.
 - i) Employing the network for commercial purposes.
 - j) Revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission from your instructor.
 - k) Entering into a chat room or on-line messaging service.
 - l) Checking e-mail without permission to do so.
5. The use of personal laptop or other handheld computing devices is allowed within the Pulaski County School System providing the following guidelines are followed.
 - a) The instructor of the class must first give permission for the device to be used during class.
 - b) The device must be used to support academic goals during instructional time.
 - c) All rules and regulations regarding computer/internet usage for school system provided
 - d) The Technology Services Staff reserves the right to examine any device that attaches to the PCSS network.
 - e) The Technology Services Staff is not responsible for providing technical support to non-school provided hardware, software or peripherals.
 - f) Pulaski County School System is not responsible for lost, theft or damage of said devices.

By signing this electronic technology and Internet contract, both student and parent/guardian are stating that both have read the rules for acceptable uses of electronic technology, acceptable on-line behavior, understand the rules, and agree to comply with all of the above stated rules at Hawkinsville High School. **Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary and/or legal action.**

I have read and understand BOTH pages of the Pulaski County School System electronic technology and Internet contract.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date