

ACCEPTABLE USE RULES FOR STUDENTS

We are pleased to offer students of the Allamuchy Township School access to the district network and the Internet. To gain access to the Internet and network services, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the attached consent form.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries and databases. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed any disadvantages, but ultimately parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

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 to communicate with others. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users for 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.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

As outlined in Board policy and procedures on students' rights and responsibilities, the following are NOT permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
- Using obscene, crude, or vulgar language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others;
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks;
- Violating copyright laws;
- Using another student's password;
- Trespassing into another's folders, work, or files;
- Intentionally wasting limited resources.

Sanctions:

- Violations may result in a loss of access.
- Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the school and will be law-consistent with existing practice regarding inappropriate language or behavior.
- Where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.