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WILLIAM FLOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET SAFETY USE PROCEDURES

Computer Technology and Internet access is available to the students and staff of the William Floyd School District. Both of these provide users with vast, diverse and unique resources that will strengthen communication and research skills as well as significantly broaden their knowledge base. Our goal is to promote educational excellence in our schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The William Floyd School District recognizes that with this access to computers and people worldwide comes the availability of material that may be considered inappropriate and of little educational value in an academic setting. In accordance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, all District computers with Internet access that are used by elementary and secondary students and staff will be equipped with filtering or blocking technology.

The District recognizes no filtering technology can guarantee that students will be prevented from accessing inappropriate locations. Supervision, by either a teacher or other staff member, will be provided to students while accessing the Internet.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. The smooth operation of this network relies on the proper conduct of its users who, in turn, must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are given here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this responsibility requires efficient, ethical and legal use of the network's resources. If a William Floyd School District user violates any of these provisions, his/her account will be disabled and future access possibly denied. Other consequences may be imposed as per the District Code of Conduct.   This policy governs all use of the District network, laptops, iPads or other digital resources while on campus and in certain instances off campus.

Any such use is subject to the District Code of Conduct.

Acceptable Use - The purpose of computer technology and the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Your use of both of these must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the William Floyd School District. Use of another organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: copyrighted material; plagiarism (the claiming of someone's work as your own); use of profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user; threatening, pornographic, obscene or other material deemed inappropriate for minors; expressions of bigotry, racism or hate; or materials protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities, product advertisement and/or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Privileges - The use of computers and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges and may result in other consequences as per the District Code of Conduct. Each student and staff member who is permitted access will be responsible for that usage. Under no circumstances should your access, username, login, password or device be shared with another student or anyone other than the school district's Coordinator of Technology or should you log onto another student's account. Lost or stolen passwords should be reported immediately to a teacher or other staff member.

Also, under no circumstances will there be unauthorized disclosure of personal information such as

address, telephone number, age, physical description, etc.

William Floyd's system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, some of which is defined in the Computer Technology and Internet Safety Policy. Their decision is final. William Floyd system administrators may deny access at any time as required. The administration, faculty and staff of the William Floyd School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user access.

Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Be polite; do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language; do not swear, use vulgarities or suggestive language.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden, including accessing websites, news groups, or social networking sites that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts or that is in violation of State or Federal or local law
- Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
- Use the network in a way that will not disrupt the use of other users.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should not be assumed to be private property and is subject to monitoring by the District.

Cyberbullying and Sexting- In accordance with the provisions in the District's Code of conduct, it is the policy of the William Floyd School District to prohibit harassment, intimidation, and bullying that occurs in any manner, including but not limited to electronic mediums that could substantially interfere with a student's education, threaten the overall educational environment and/or substantially disrupt the operation of the school or District. Any such use may subject the User to discipline by the Dsitrict.

Warranties - The William Floyd School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service that it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The William Floyd School District specifically does not guarantee the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet or on the school network, you must notify the District's Coordinator of Technology. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log on to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges and may result in other consequences as per the District Code of Conduct. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the network.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may result in other consequences as per the District Code of Conduct. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses and hacking.

This document is in accordance with the William Floyd School District Computer System's Board Policy and Administrative Regulation for both students and staff. This documentation is on file with your local school building administration.