



South Windsor Public Schools

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS / INTERNET – ACCEPTABLE USE FORM

In order for students to access the Internet and to use the computers at school, each student and his/her parent or guardian must read and sign the South Windsor Public Schools “Telecommunications/Internet Acceptable Use” form. Once signed for the first time, families will be required to acknowledge this policy on an annual basis when completing the student record update through Parent Portal/Infosnap. This form supersedes all prior forms on file for the student listed below, and student access may be revoked if this form is not returned to the child’s school.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student’s Last Name, Student’s First Name (Please Print):

Grade Level: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 Other

SW School: ET OH PV PRS WES TEMS SWHS Other: _____

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read, understand and will abide by Board of Education policy #6141.321 *Telecommunications / Internet - Acceptable Use*. I further understand that some violations of the policy may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read Board of Education Policy #6141.321 *Telecommunications / Internet-Acceptable Use*. I understand that Internet access and access to other devices and systems is designed for educational purposes. The school district has taken precautions to eliminate inappropriate material through web filters. However, I also recognize web filtering cannot be 100% effective and accept that the district is doing everything in its power to ensure that network content is appropriate for students. I will not hold the district responsible for inappropriate content that is inadvertently accessed via the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet, to have an account, and I certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL’S MAIN OFFICE

SOUTH WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD POLICY 6141.321

Instruction

Telecommunications/Internet - Acceptable Use

The South Windsor Public Schools believes in the educational value of modern technology and recognizes their potential to support its educational program, the curriculum and student learning. Resource sharing, communications, and innovation capabilities for both students and teachers have been increased with access to telecommunications and to the Internet. The district will make every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuses or abuses as a result of experience with an electronic information service. Members of the school community must conduct themselves in a responsible, decent, ethical, and polite manner while using any network. Further, they must abide by all local, state and federal laws.

Guidelines for General Use

It is important to recognize that with increased access to information comes the availability of controversial material that may not be considered of educational value in the context of the school setting. Further, the school district recognizes the importance of each individual's judgment regarding appropriate conduct in maintaining a quality resource system. While this policy does not attempt to articulate all required or proscribed behavior, it does seek to assist in such judgment by providing the guidelines below. Any violation of this policy and inappropriate use as determined by South Windsor Public Schools may result in access privileges being revoked and subsequent disciplinary actions.

1. All use of the Internet, systems, services or any telecommunications network must be in support of educational objectives or research.
2. Any system or service account shall be used only by the authorized owner of the account. Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account and will be held responsible for any policy violations that are traced to their account.
3. Any use of the district's computing resources or networks for illegal or inappropriate purposes, accessing materials that are inappropriate in a public school environment, or supporting such activities, is prohibited. Language that is deemed to be vulgar is also prohibited.
4. Any use of telecommunication opportunities for commercial purposes, financial gain, product advertisement, political lobbying, or attempt to disrupt the use of the services by others, is prohibited.
5. The Board of Education has no control of the information on the Internet. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people.
6. Users will not knowingly degrade the performance of the network.
7. Users will comply with all rules of copyright and personal property. Ownership of text, music, software, graphics, and other media is protected and must be respected.
8. Impersonation, anonymity, and pseudonyms are not permitted.
9. South Windsor Public Schools reserves the right to monitor and supervise the use of its property.

The Superintendent shall identify one administrator as the "District Internet Administrator" who will have responsibility for implementing this policy, establishing procedures, and supervising access privileges.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

51a-182b Harassment in the first degree: Class D Felony (as amended by PA 95-143)

20 U.S.C. Section 6777, No Child Left Behind Act

20 U.S.C. 254 Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000

47 U.S.C. Children's Online Protection Act of 1998

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