

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY: #7315)

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system ("DCS" hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet." It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying district's acceptable use policy and regulations. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

Access to Inappropriate Content/Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices

This policy is intended to establish guidelines for the acceptable student use of the DCS and also to give students and parents/guardians notice that student use of the DCS will provide student access to external computer networks not controlled by the School District. The District cannot screen or review all of the available content or materials on these external computer networks. Thus some of the available content or materials on these external networks may be deemed unsuitable for student use or access by parents/guardians.

Despite the existence of District policy, regulations and guidelines, it is virtually impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home, other locations off school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events. Parents and guardians must be willing to establish boundaries and standards for the appropriate and acceptable use of technology and communicate these boundaries and standards to their children. The appropriate/acceptable use standards outlined in this policy apply to student use of technology via the DCS or any other electronic media or communications, including by means of a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

District's Acceptable Use Policy

Personal Devices: Staff and students may use personal devices to access the District Network. These devices include, but are not limited to, laptop computers, smart phones, tablet computers, iPads, netbooks, and mp3 players. All activities conducted on the District Network using a personal device including messages, e-mails, communications, information and Internet access, are subject to monitoring, inspection, copying, review, access and storing by the district. There is no expectation of privacy, regardless of whether a personal or district-issued device is used to access the District Network. The district will not be liable for damages, expenses or costs associated with the use of the personal device to access the District Network or in the event that a personal device is lost, damaged or stolen.

Standards of Acceptable Use

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. (refer to District Code of Conduct) This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. District Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the District Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/guardians of any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys District property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to control and inspection. The Computer Coordinator may access all such files and communications without prior notice to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should **NOT** expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

Privacy Rights

Students should have no expectation of privacy in terms of information stored on the PC's.

Notification

The District's Acceptable Use Policy and Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and students' obligations when accessing the DCS.

Regulations will be established as necessary to implement the terms of this policy.

SIGNATURE OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the Mohonasen Central School District Computer Acceptable Use Policy. By signing this document, I indicate my willingness to abide by the Computer Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations of the policy may result in suspension of my privileges, and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the Mohonasen CSD Code of Conduct. I understand that school disciplinary and/or legal action may be taken.

In consideration for the privilege of using the Mohonasen Central School District network to access the Internet and internal resources, I hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Mohonasen Central School district from any and all claims or damages arising from my access or use of the network.

Student name (print) _____

Grade _____

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____