

River Edge Schools
Computer/Internet

Acceptable Use Policy for Students

The River Edge School District provides the use of computer facilities and Internet access for educational use only. In order for students to use the Internet, you must follow these guidelines and have written permission from your parent(s). Here is a summary of this document. The complete document is at the [bottom of the page](#).

1. Use the computer and Internet only with your teacher's permission and for the purpose your teacher has requested.
2. Your school computer files are not private and your teacher or principal may see them at any time.
3. Respect copyright laws: Do not copy materials without permission. Be sure to tell where you found your information.
4. Do not access personal e-mail or chat rooms.
5. Do not enter information about yourself.
6. Do not download or save a file without permission from your teacher.
7. Ask your teacher about any messages that you receive that are not appropriate and make you feel uncomfortable.
8. Do not attempt to access profane or obscene material. If you do so accidentally, notify your teacher right away.
9. Do not enter inappropriate or hurtful language into the computer.
10. Do not do anything that disrupts or damages the computer and/or Internet.

11. Students will be disciplined if they do not follow these guidelines or if they utilize the computers and Internet inappropriately.

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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) FOR STUDENTS
(Complete document)

The Board recognizes that as telecommunications and other new technologies shift the manner in which information is accessed, communicated and transferred, those changes will alter the nature of teaching and learning. It is understood that computer networked services are provided exclusively for educational purposes. Educational purposes include, but are not limited to, those activities that are related to or necessary to prepare for or to complete lessons or classroom assignments; finding and utilizing materials that will enhance the learning experiences designed by the educational staff; finding and utilizing information that will strengthen independent study projects.

The Board provides access to computer network(s)/computers for administrative and educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate students' access to network computers at any time and for any reason. The Board retains the right to have the Superintendent, or designee, monitor network activity, in any form necessary, to maintain the integrity of the network(s) and ensure its proper use.

Users are prohibited from engaging in the following conduct and shall be subject to discipline and/or legal action for such conduct. Users are prohibited from engaging in conduct including, but not limited to: using the computers for or in support of illegal activities; using the computers to violate intellectual

property rights; using the computers in a way that violates district policy; using the computers to obtain or to transmit obscene materials; using the computers to send or display harassing, demeaning, offensive speech or materials; using the computers in a way that intentionally disrupts the network or the operation of the computer system.

Any individual engaging in actions declared unethical, unacceptable or illegal when using district computer network(s)/computers will be subject to legal action. These include, but are not limited to:

a. Using the computer network(s)/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as those which violate federal, state, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the technology. Obscene activities are defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles. The district's anti-harassment policy applies to use of the district's computers. b. Using the computer network(s)/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts. c. Using the computer network(s) in a manner that:

Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;

Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;

Uses the computing resources of the school district for

commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud;

Steals data or other intellectual property;

Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another user;

Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;

Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;

Invades privacy of others;

Posts anonymous messages;

Possesses any data which is a violation of this policy; and/or

Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer network(s)/computers are provided.

d. Using the computer network(s)/computers to play or pay for games alone or with others, or to participate in multi-player experiences of any kind.

e. Using the computer network(s)/computers to order or pay for any services or items.

f. Using the computer network(s)/computers to download and/or save a file from the Internet without written permission from a teaching staff member.

Consequences for Violations:

The use of the computer network(s)/computer is a privilege, not a right. Individuals violating this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions as defined by district policy.

Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to: 1. Use of the network(s)/computers only under direct supervision; 2.

Suspension of network privileges; 3. Revocation of network privileges; 4. Suspension of computer privileges; 5. Revocation of computer privileges; 6. Suspension; 7. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities; and/or 8. Any appropriate action that may be deemed necessary as determined by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education.

(N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-3)

Individuals should have no expectation of privacy with respect to

their files on Board provided computer networks/computers. All data stored or transmitted or accessed by users, including e-mail, can and will be monitored by the Board.

Users will be personally charged for any unauthorized costs incurred in their use of the computers and held responsible for any damages caused by their intentional misuse of the computers.

Users should request permission from the administration before using any works protected by intellectual property. Users will be held personally responsible for their actions that violate another party's intellectual property rights.

Students are prohibited from disclosing personal information such as addresses, phone numbers, pictures, Social Security numbers, list of personal characteristics, or the name and location of the school without the permission of a teacher and a parent.

Student users are obligated to disclose to a teacher or parent any information or electronic messages which make them uncomfortable.

Users shall never meet in person with someone they have met online without first receiving permission from a parent. The Board does not condone such meetings and strongly suggests that they do not occur.