

**COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE
PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY**

Educational Purpose

The Plattsburgh City School District recognizes that student instruction and learning will change as new technologies alter the ways in which information is accessed, communicated, and transferred. The district also recognizes that electronic information skills are now required as essential knowledge for critical thinkers, effective communicators, healthy and responsible citizens, and lifelong learners.

In responding to these changes, the Plattsburgh City School District actively supports student access to the widest variety of electronic information resources together with the development of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources.

Use of the district network requires responsibility, integrity, and accountability.

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE

Student users of district technology agree to abide by the following:

- Use of the district's computer network must be in support of education and research.
- Students will not reveal their personal information or that of others (i.e. complete names, addresses, telephone numbers).
- District network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of each account. Students shall not seek to learn, change or share other users' passwords, modify other users' files or data, or misrepresent other users on the network or Internet.
- Students shall not intentionally disrupt the use of the district's network or devices attached to the network.
- Students are prohibited from accessing or using email on the district's network without specific authorization and supervision by a teacher.
- Students agree that hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, damaged, or abused in any way.
- Malicious use of the district's network to develop programs or computer viruses that harass other users, infiltrate a computer or computer system, or damage the software settings/components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
- Students are prohibited from loading, transmitting, or intentionally receiving threatening, harassing, or other antisocial content on the district's network.

- The use of the district's network to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate web sites or files, illegal software, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network or any attached device is prohibited.
- Software is protected by copyright laws; therefore, students will not make unauthorized copies of software or media.
- Students will not download or install software on any district computer.
- Students will follow copyright and fair use guidelines when using information from the Internet. These guidelines include proper citation when referring to downloaded text, images, and other media.

THE PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:

- monitor network, Internet, computer, and fileserver activity by students on the district network;
- limit or remove a student account on the district's network to prevent further unauthorized or unacceptable activity.

Disciplinary action regarding violations of the student acceptable use policy will be determined at the building level consistent with existing practices. Violators risk losing computer privileges on a temporary or permanent basis, suffering disciplinary action and/or financial penalties, and facing possible prosecution for violation of local, state, and federal laws.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

The district will allocate resources to promote, to the extent possible, a safe Internet experience for all students.

- The district will use protective technology measures to help prevent users from accessing inappropriate information on the Internet in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].
- The school staff will supervise, within reason, usage of the computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

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