

ACCEPTABLE USE OF DISTRICT INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - STUDENTS

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Computer technology is used to enhance learning and support instruction for all students, including students with special needs. Computer networks allow individuals to interact electronically with other people within a school building and within the District. The Internet allows individuals to interact electronically with people and networks throughout the world. It is the policy of the School District of Slinger that all computer technology shall not be deemed private and shall be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. School computers and Internet access is for educational purposes. Failure to adhere to this policy is a violation of school rules and shall result in the immediate revocation of access privileges. Additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral to legal authorities may result. Unacceptable uses of school district computer technology by students include, but are not limited to:

1. Violating any district policy, state or federal law;
2. Accessing, creating, transmitting, or retransmitting inappropriate items including: pornographic material, materials using profanity, obscenity, or other language and images which offend community standards or which promotes violence or advocates destruction of property;
3. Copying software, music, artwork, etc., in violation of copyright laws. Internet materials used in school work should be cited following the same procedures as referenced printed materials;
4. Using technology for personal financial gain, commercial venture, or illegal activity;
5. Damaging or destroying any component of technology, including hardware, peripherals, or files;
6. Malicious use of any technology, including hardware, peripherals, or files;
7. Using encryption software, hacking, or using unauthorized packages, from any access point within the District;
8. Committing or attempting to commit any willful act involving the use of the network which disrupts the operation of the network within the District or any network connected to the Internet.

Users should exercise caution when giving out any type of personal information. Never reveal names, addresses, phone numbers, or passwords of yourself or other students, family members, teachers, administrators, or staff members. Do not transmit pictures of yourself without prior parental and teacher approval.

The School District of Slinger does not condone the use or search of offensive material. Therefore, the District uses an Internet filter to block inappropriate sites

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and to a lesser degree high-risk activities. However, the District cannot control all of the content or the validity of the information available from the Internet. Filtering is not infallible. The District is not responsible for advice offered over the Internet. The District is not responsible for materials accessed on the Internet by any user and is not responsible for the effect that information has on the user. To help ensure student safety while using the Internet, the District has software in place that monitors and records Internet use and will report suspicious activity to administration.

Cross References:

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