

Sutton Public School District Acceptable Use Policy

Computer usage and Internet access are privileges provided to users by the Sutton Public School District (SPSD). It is the goal of the SPSD to provide a safe and effective education for all students. The Internet is an infinite global network that provides rich resources for the students and staff of the SPSD. Through the Internet, students can access data from a wide variety of global sources. While there is an enormous amount of useful and valuable information available, due to the global nature of the Internet and the lack of effective control over its content, access brings with it the potential for misuse and abuse. The SPSD will make every reasonable effort to ensure the Internet is used responsibly and will take every reasonable step to control access to inappropriate material. The SPSD expects all users to use the Internet in an appropriate and responsible manner for educational and professional purposes only.

The SPSD utilizes all blocking and filtering safeguards required by law in order to block all Internet activities that are obscene, pornographic, harmful, offensive, or inappropriate. The SPSD believes the Internet can be used safely to enhance the delivery of educational services with implementation of this policy.

The SPSD account is to be used for educational purposes only, including research for school projects and intellectual inquiry. All users are expected to use the Internet in a responsible manner. No one may transmit, receive, submit, publish, or otherwise access information deemed inappropriate, including, but not limited to material that is defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, racially or gender offensive, sexually oriented, unethical, or illegal.

No one may use the SPSD network to conduct private, commercial, personal, unethical, or illegal business. While at school, users may not use personal or home accounts for non-educational purposes. However, students may access personal and home account under supervision. Use of any devices to attach to the SPSD network or wireless network is strictly prohibited without permission from the technology department. Game playing, which is not related to educational activities, is prohibited. Tampering or corrupting of files are acts of vandalism and will not be tolerated. Hacking is illegal and will be prosecuted. Users must immediately notify a teacher or an administrator if a security problem is discovered. Disciplinary and or legal action will result for any violation of this policy.

All users are expected to conform to accepted social behavior (netiquette) in the use of the Internet. Users shall refrain from plagiarizing the works of others, respect copyrighted material, and properly credit all works cited as required.

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Inappropriate behavior on the part of any user while using a SPSD account may result in the restriction or loss of access privileges. Under appropriate circumstances, law enforcement officials may be notified. The SPSD, along with any other persons or organizations associated with the school network, will not be liable for the actions of any user connecting to the Internet or district network.

In addition, the SPSD takes no responsibility for any information or materials accessed or transferred from the Internet. Parents/guardians of minor students and all adult users agree to accept full liability: legal, financial and otherwise, resulting from inappropriate or illegal activity while using a SPSD network account.

The SPSD makes no guarantee, implied or otherwise, regarding the validity of information accessed on the Internet, nor does it guarantee protection against corruption of electronic files when information is downloaded or transferred. The SPSD reserves the right to log network use, monitor files and file space. Thus, users should not expect their use to remain private. The SPSD reserves the right to modify these guidelines at any time.

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