

POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR INTERNET USE

Internet access and Wifi is now available through the Milton Public Schools' computer network. The purpose of this is to support the educational program by providing students and teachers with access to unique resources available through the Internet and the World Wide Web. All uses of Milton's Internet access and computer facilities must be in support of and consistent with the objectives of the educational program.

Access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Adherence to these Internet guidelines is a condition for a student's access to the Internet. School officials may cancel a student's access at any time if this privilege is abused. Inappropriate conduct on the Milton Public Schools Internet access will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate and necessary by the principal or his designee and will result in the immediate suspension of all access privileges. All students who use Milton's Internet access are expected to read and follow these guidelines. By signing the handbook receipt, parents and students are stipulating that they have read these guidelines and agree to adhere to them.

All student use of the Internet is to be conducted under faculty supervision. Students should not use personal devices to access the Internet during school hours unless approval was given by the teacher in a specific class. However, faculty members are not expected to monitor a student's use at every moment. Every student is expected to take responsibility for his or her appropriate use of the Internet. All student e-mail and other Internet files and records may be accessed and examined by administrators for educational and administrative purposes, including the need to insure that these guidelines are being followed. Administrators will also cooperate in providing access to student e-mail and Internet files and records to law enforcement authorities when appropriate. Students should not assume that their use of the Milton Public Schools Internet will be private.

The Internet is accessible to the public. Unfortunately, this includes people who want to make contact with students for inappropriate reasons or under false pretenses. The Milton Public Schools cannot screen the Internet for all such inappropriate applications. Consequently students must be cautious and prudent about supplying personal information and arranging personal meetings. Students should never arrange a personal meeting with someone whom they meet on-line without parents' or guardians' knowledge and approval. Students should promptly inform their teacher or administrator about any on-line communication that the student feels is threatening, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate. Students are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of Internet etiquette as well as rules of school decorum. These include common courtesy and the avoidance of vulgar or offensive language.

The following are unacceptable uses of Milton's Internet access:

1. Posting private or personal information about another person
2. Attempting to log on through another person's e-mail account or to access another person's files
3. Accessing or transmitting obscene or pornographic material
4. Posting chain letters or spamming, i.e., sending unsolicited or annoying messages to large numbers of people
5. Participating in communications that facilitate any form of criminal activity, such as, but not limited to, the illegal sale or use of drugs or alcohol, gang activity, sexual harassment, threats, or any other forms of intimidation

6. Plagiarizing any material; the rules for plagiarism that are stated in this handbook are also applicable to students' use of the Internet

7. Infringing copyrights, i.e., inappropriately reproducing or transmitting material protected by copyright

8. Participating in any and all commercial activities that are not directly related to the educational purposes of the Milton Public Schools, unless specifically approved in advance by the school's administration.

The Milton Public Schools disclaim all liability for the content of material that a student may access on the Internet, for any damages suffered in the course of or as a result of a student's Internet use, and for the consequences of a student's Internet use. Students may, however, be disciplined and may face academic consequences as well as prosecution for violating this policy. A