The Milton Public Schools Internet Acceptable Use Policy is as follows:

Internet access is available through the Milton Public Schools' computer network. The purpose of this is to support the educational programs 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 educational mission of the Milton Public Schools.

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. Failure to abide by these guidelines may subject users to termination of their Milton Public Schools computer network accounts, including Google Apps for Education/G Suite accounts, email accounts, and accounts with other district-provided services.

All 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. 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 students will be provided a miltonps.org network login ID and password that they should not share with other students. Students are expected to take individual responsibility for his or her appropriate use of the Internet and electronic resources, and follow all conditions and rules of technology use as presented by the Milton Public Schools. Any violation of the conditions and rules may result in disciplinary and/or legal action.

All miltonps.org e-mail and other Internet files and records may be accessed and examined by administrators. Administration retains the right to inspect any user's virtual hard drive, school-owned computer, Internet history, or email (whether through a town server or through Google Apps for Education/G Suite) if a suspected violation of the network technology policy or any other district policy has occurred.

Administrators will also advise law enforcement agencies of illegal activities conducted through the MPS computer network and will cooperate fully with local, state, and/or federal officials in any investigation related to illegal activities conducted through the Milton Public Schools computer network. No one should assume that their use of the Milton Public Schools Internet will be private. In keeping with state and federal laws regarding public records, users should be

aware that data and messages are regularly archived, even if they appear to have been deleted locally. In addition, an Internet firewall automatically checks all data moving between the local area network and the Internet and logs the sending and receiving destinations.

Network users should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Content filtering software is in use, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. We believe that the benefits to students and staff from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the risks or disadvantages. Ultimately, teachers, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources

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 online without parents' or guardians' knowledge and approval. Students should promptly inform their teacher or administrator about any online communication that the student feels is threatening, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate.

Network users 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, network devices, computers, tablets and other infrastructure:

1. Posting private or personal information about another person or yourself.
2. Attempting to log on through another person's email 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.

9. Damaging or modifying MPS computers, computer systems or computer networks.

10. Removing MPS hardware and/or software from school premises without prior written consent from the school Principal or his/her designee.

11. Using any form of proxy and/or filtering avoidance software, hardware, or website.

12. Using others' passwords and/or impersonating another user.

13. Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.

14. Gaining unauthorized access to MPS or others computer, server, or telecommunications networks.

15. Interfering with the operations of technology resources.

Consequences: Failure to adhere to these guidelines, conditions and rules of this Acceptable Use Policy will result in disciplinary and/or legal action, according to the Code of Conduct.

Disclaimers

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.

The Milton Public Schools make no warranties of any kind for the technology services provided. The user will be responsible for repair or replacement of equipment damaged by malicious or inappropriate use as defined by this policy. Protection of data is the responsibility of the user. The district will not be responsible for any loss in service or data. Use of all technology and networks is at one's own risk. The school system is not responsible for verifying accuracy of any information obtained through the technology or network.

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