

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

The Revere Local School District is pleased to make available to each student access to interconnected computer systems, internal servers and networks, computer equipment, computer programs, the Internet, and other new technologies and devices within the District (collectively, the “Technology”).

Access to the District’s Technology is provided as a privilege and as an educational tool. In order to continue enjoying access to the Technology, each student must take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this privilege. Students are responsible for their behavior with the Technology just as they are in a classroom, school hallway or other District property. While the District may make reasonable efforts to supervise student use of Technology, the ultimate responsibility for exercising and promoting responsible use of this access is that of the student, under the guidance of their parents.

This document shall constitute the District’s Technology Acceptable Use Policy for students (“Policy”), and applies to all students who use or otherwise access the Technology, either on-site or remotely. A copy of this Policy shall be provided to students and their parents.

Each student is responsible for reading and abiding by this Policy. If the parent or student has any questions about the provisions of these policies, they should contact the building principal or the principal’s designee. Any use of the Technology that violates these policies may result in the student’s access being withdrawn and/or additional disciplinary action. Violations of these policies are considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to law enforcement if appropriate. The District reserves the right to seek reimbursement of expenses and/or damages arising from student violations of these policies.

Reporting Misuse of the Technology

In addition to following the terms of this Policy, you must report any misuse of the Technology to a teacher or to a building administrator. Misuse means any violation of this Policy, such as commercial use of these resources, criminal activity, inappropriate content of e-mail sent to the student by someone, or any other use that is not included in this Policy but has the intent or effect of harming another or another’s property or that constitutes inappropriate conduct.

Permitted Use

Access to the Technology is a privilege, not a right, and as such, it may be suspended or revoked by the District at any time for any reason. The District may also limit access, at any time, without warning, and for any period of time. By accepting Technology access, users waive any and all rights of privacy in connection with their communications over the network, or

communications achieved through the use of District equipment, software or connectivity, including but not limited to protections provided by State and Federal law.

Access

Technology resources are only for use by authorized users, and access may not be shared or transferred. Students shall not share their passwords or otherwise allow anyone to gain unauthorized access to the Technology or the Internet. If you think someone may know your password, tell a teacher or building administrator immediately. A student is subject to disciplinary action for any violations of this Policy committed by someone else who, with the student's express or implied permission or through the student's negligence, accesses the Technology with the student's password.

Unacceptable Uses

Other prohibited uses and activities include, but are not limited to:

- A. Creating, copying, viewing, transmitting, downloading, uploading or seeking sexually explicit, pornographic, obscene, violent, threatening, or other materials that would offend community standards.
- B. Using inappropriate language, including swearing, vulgarities or other language that is suggestive, obscene, profane, abusive, belligerent, harassing, defamatory or threatening. This includes using the Technology to make, distribute or redistribute jokes, stories or other material that would violate this Policy or the District's harassment or discrimination policies, including material that is based upon slurs or stereotypes relating to race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or other protected characteristics.
- C. Engaging in harassment, stalking, or other repetitive unwanted communication, or using the Internet in support of such activities.
- D. Offering for sale or use or soliciting the purchase or provision of any substance the possession or use of which is prohibited by law or District policy.
- E. Creating, copying, viewing, transmitting, downloading, or uploading any materials that include information for creating or obtaining an explosive device, dangerous ordinance, or any other materials useful in criminal activities or terrorist acts or any other materials that violate or encourage others to violate the law or District policy.

- F. Unauthorized copying, modifying, intruding, or attempts to copy, modify or intrude, into the folders, files, data, work, networks, passwords or computers of others, or intercepting and/or forwarding communications intended for others.
- G. Copying, downloading, uploading or transmitting student information or other confidential information, except as permitted by law and Board Policy.
- H. Uploading, downloading, copying, redistributing or republishing copyrighted materials without permission from the owner of the copyright. The District intends to strictly abide by the Copyright Laws of the United States, as expressed in the District Copyright Policy 9.15. Any materials used that are covered by Copyright shall be used by permission or through “fair use” or other allowable methods created by the Copyright Act.
- I. Soliciting political contributions through the Technology from any person or entity or conducting any type of campaign business (other than student organization-related elections) including creating or transmitting information in support of a school levy.
- J. Hacking, altering, harming, destroying or interfering with the normal operation of software, hardware, data of another user, other District Network resources, or the use of the District Technology to do any of the same acts on the Internet or outside Networks. This includes any attempt to go around District filters and other protection devices.
- K. Degrading or disrupting the operation of the Technology or engaging in other activities that waste limited computer, paper or telephone resources or that cause unnecessary traffic are prohibited. Even for non-commercial or apparently “harmless” purposes, they use up limited resources.
- L. Installing or downloading software or hardware without the prior consent of a District administrator. Students may not repair, reconfigure, or modify Technology equipment, computers or systems, without prior consent from a District administrator. Student members shall not remove, alter or copy District software for their own personal use or for the use of others.
- M. Supporting any kind of private business or other profit-making activity for personal gain. You may not sell or buy anything over the Internet in connection with any private business enterprise for personal gain. You may not solicit or advertise the sale of any goods or services in connection with any private business enterprise for personal growth.

- N. Engaging in general recreational web browsing, instant-messaging or playing games unless it is during non-class time, or otherwise permitted.
- O. Violating the standards of academic or personal integrity, including but not limited to plagiarism, disseminating untrue information about individuals or groups, or maliciously hiding your true identity.
- P. Using cellular telephones or WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.
- Q. Downloading music, movies or games is prohibited unless specifically authorized for education-related activities.
- R. Uses which constitute harassment, intimidation or bullying, meaning technology has been used by a student to exhibit towards another student, on more than one occasion, behavior which:
 - 1. Causes mental harm; and
 - 2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment.

Freedom of Speech

By giving users access to the Technology, the District does not intend to create a limited or a public forum for the expression of opinion. The Technology exists as part of the function of the governmental mission of the District, and is operated solely in support of that mission. Neither the public, nor staff, nor students are invited to use the Technology in expression of their opinion. The District fully supports the right of all students, staff and the public to express their opinion through legitimately established public and limited forums dedicated to that use.

Privacy

Technology access is provided as a tool for educational and administrative uses. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the Technology and any and all materials, files, information, software, communications (including emails) and other content transmitted, received or stored in connection with this usage, and to use such content for any legal purpose. All such information, content and files shall be and remain the property of the District and you do not have any expectation of privacy regarding those materials. Technology administrators may review files and intercept communications for any reason, including but not limited to purposes of maintaining system integrity and ensuring that users are complying with this Policy.

Websites

Websites created through the Technology and/or linked with the District's official website must relate specifically to District-sanctioned activities, programs or events. Websites created using the Technology or the District's equipment, or websites created as part of a classroom or club assignment or activity are the sole and exclusive property of the District. The District reserves the right to require that all material and/or links with other sites found to be objectionable be altered or removed.

As above, the District does not intend to open web pages for the expression of opinion, and specifically does NOT intend for its web pages to be a public or limited forum for students, staff or citizens. Web pages exist solely in support of the District mission as determined by the administration.

Failure to Follow Policy

If any student violates this Policy, they may be subject to disciplinary action. That student may lose their access to the Technology, which the District may refuse to reinstate for the remainder of the student's enrollment at Revere Local Schools. At the maximum, they may be suspended or expelled.

Students breach this Policy not only by violating the above Policy themselves, but also by failing to report any violations by other users that come to a student's attention. A violation of this Policy may also be a violation of the law and subject the user to criminal or civil investigation and prosecution.

It is a violation of this policy to use any electronic technology, including but not limited to any software, hardware, or externally provided service, or to do any other act in an effort to disguise technology or internet activities.

Warranties and Indemnification

The District makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to or use of its Technology. It shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages or costs (including attorneys' fees) of any kind suffered, directly or indirectly, by any student arising out of the student's use of, or inability to use, the Technology. Each student is responsible for backing up his or her files, and the District shall not be responsible for any loss or deletion of data. The District is not responsible for the accuracy of information obtained through electronic information resources, and this information should be used at the student's own risk.

By accessing the Technology, each student is agreeing to cooperate with the District in the event of the District's initiating an investigation of use or access to the Technology through a student's

account, whether that use is on a District computer or on another computer outside of the Technology. By accessing the Technology, students are further agreeing to indemnify and hold the District and the Data Acquisition Site and all of their administrators, teachers and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims or damages (including attorneys' fees) resulting from access to and use of the Technology through their account, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchases of goods or services by the user.

Updates

Students may be asked from time to time to provide new or additional registration and account information to reflect developments in the law or technology, and they must provide this information in order to continue receiving access to the Technology. If, after account information has been provided, some or all of a student's information changes, they must notify the Director of Technology or other person designated by the School District to receive this information.

LEGAL REFS.: P.L. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000
47 U.S.C. 254(h), (1), Communications Act of 1934, as amended (2003)
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F, Elementary and Secondary Education
Act of 1965, as amended (2003)
18 U.S.C. 1460, 2246, 2256
20 U.S.C. 6777, 9134 (2003)

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