

North Olmsted City Schools
Computer Hardware, EagleNet Network, www.nolmsted.org domain, and
Internet Acceptable Use Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this acceptable use policy is to set forth guidelines for access to the school district computer system, email system, and acceptable use of the Internet and electronic devices provided by the school district or brought onto campus by the student. Such devices include but are not limited to the following: computers, handheld devices, netbooks, iPods, iPads, PDAs, calculators with interface capability, digital audio players, portable storage devices, digital cameras, et al. Additionally, connection to the Internet while on district grounds through infrared/wireless, cellular broadband cards or mobile telephones, or other non-wired devices fall within the purview of this policy.

II. USE OF SYSTEM IS A PRIVILEGE

The use of the school district equipment and/or system, email, and access to use of the Internet or wireless system is a privilege, not a right

III. DISTRICT PROVIDED EMAIL

Email is provided for specific educational purposes and use is limited to school approved activities.

IV. UNACCEPTABLE USES

- A. The following uses of the school district system and Internet resources or accounts are considered unacceptable:
1. Users will not use the school district system to access, transmit, receive, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit material. "Sexting" is illegal and particularly detrimental for students; such behavior is expressly prohibited.
 2. Users will not use the school district system to transmit, receive, or store items containing obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language; gamble; nor advocate for illegal activities, including tobacco or alcohol.
 3. Users will not use the school district system to access, transmit, receive, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute materials that use language or images that are inappropriate to the educational setting or disruptive to the educational process and will not post information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption. Users will not post personal information about other students without their express permission.

4. Users will not use the school district system to access, transmit, receive, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination; likewise, any activity that constitutes bullying is expressly prohibited. District policies and the Student Code of Conduct stress the seriousness of such acts and the discipline for any such behavior.
5. Users will not use the school district system to knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
6. Users will not use the school district system to engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state or federal statute or law, or any District policy or Code of Conduct.
7. Users will not use the school district system to vandalize, damage or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means, will not tamper with, modify or change the school district computer or server system software, hardware or network infrastructure or take any action to violate the school district system's security, and will not use the school district system in such a way as to disrupt the use of the system by other users.
8. Users will not use the school district system to gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information or files without the implied or direct permission of that person. In other words, students may not use another person's account or password or bypass security to modify, alter, damage, or delete another user's files or district files.
9. Users will not use the school district system to post private information about another person, including other students, or to post personal contact information about themselves or other persons including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes or passwords, and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who sent the message.
10. Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the school district system or any other system through the school district system, will not attempt to access District files, will not attempt to log in through another person's account, nor use computer accounts, access codes or network identification other than those assigned to the user.
11. Users will not use the school district system to violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements, or otherwise to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.

12. Users will not use the school district system for the conduct of a business, for political solicitations, for unauthorized commercial purposes, or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the school district. Users will not use the school district system to offer or provide goods or services or for product advertisement. Users will not use the school district system to purchase goods or services for personal use without authorization from the appropriate school district official.
13. Students may not use the school district system to access personal communication software including web based e-mail, messaging, paging, Internet telephone, or other like systems without written permission unless under the direction and supervision of a staff member.
14. Students will not visit social media sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Youtube, Flickr, etc. via District computers or network accessibility nor access such sites with personal equipment or Web services while at school. Additionally, students should be aware that postings to such sites made out of school may still result in school discipline if the content finds its way into school and proves substantially disruptive to school operations. Nastiness, offensiveness, disparaging comments, untruthful statements, demeaning behavior, and alcohol or illegal substance use are not appropriate in any circumstance,
15. Students may not make a connection to the Internet while on district grounds through infrared/wireless, cellular broadband cards or mobile telephones, or other non-wired devices without the written permission of the network administrator.

This list of prohibited uses is not exhaustive and is not intended nor should it be construed to restrict the District in any way from taking appropriate disciplinary action should an inappropriate use occur that does not fall into one of the aforementioned categories.

- B. If a user inadvertently accesses unacceptable materials or an unacceptable Internet site, the user shall immediately disclose the inadvertent access to an appropriate school district official.

V. VIOLATIONS OF THE POLICY

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion as described above and included in Board of Education Policy 5620.

North Olmsted City Schools Denial of Internet Use

Acknowledgement

As the parent/guardian of the student listed below, I have read and understand the Computer Hardware, EagleNet Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

I would like to exercise my option as parent/guardian, and deny Internet access for my child, and request alternative assignments that do not require Internet access be made available.

_____ Parent/guardian printed name

_____ Signature Date _____

_____ Student's printed name

_____ Signature Date _____