

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

Use of the school's computer network and the Internet provides great educational benefits to students. Access to both is provided as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Please follow these guidelines:

1. General school rules for behaviour apply.
2. The school network is an educational tool, not an entertainment medium. Unless under the direct supervision of faculty, students are not to engage in entertainment online activities such as online games, streaming video (eg. youtube), facebook, myspace, movies, sporting events, audio, etc.
3. Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files will always be private.
4. Any unauthorized use of school systems or networks is prohibited. Examples of unauthorized use include but are not restricted to the following:
 - Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - Using obscene language
 - Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
 - Vandalizing and/or damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
 - Violating copyright laws by engaging in plagiarism, illegal downloads, etc.
 - Sharing password and user ID
 - Using another's ID or password
 - Trespassing on another's folders, work, or files
 - Intentionally wasting limited resources, including the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcast to mailing lists or individuals
 - Employing the network for commercial purposes including buying or selling goods or services
 - Revealing the personal address, phone number, picture or other personal information of yourself or any other person without permission from your teacher
 - Installing unauthorized files or software on school systems or networks
 - Accessing inappropriate internet sites, online chat rooms and game sites
4. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **STUDENT #:** _____ **HOMEROOM:** _____

I have read the rules for acceptable online behaviour, understand the rules, and agree to comply with the above stated rules. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I may lose network privileges at my school.

Student Signature

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the above student to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on Internet use both inside and outside the school setting and conveying standards for the above student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date