

Policy for Internet Users

All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of the Ellenville Central School district. The service that provides Internet access (provider) and the Ellenville Central School district will do their best to furnish error free, dependable access to the computing resources associated with Internet use; however, neither the Provider nor the Ellenville Central School District can be held responsible for any information that may be lost, damages, or unavailable due to technical, or other difficulties. In addition, neither the Provider nor the Ellenville Central School District can be responsible for defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic, age-inappropriate, threatening, inflammatory, hate-promoting, violence-promoting, anti-social, illegal, and other wise inflammatory information and material found on the Internet by our account users.

Privileges and Responsibilities of the Internet User

1. Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited.
2. Any use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited. The School District shall not be responsible for any financial obligation arising from unauthorized use of the network for purchase of goods or services.
3. Use of the network for non-school related communications is prohibited.
4. Any use of the network for product advertisement or political fund-raising is prohibited.
5. Users shall not tamper with, vandalize, read, modify, edit, delete, copy, download or otherwise engage in unauthorized use of files, electronic mail transmissions, passwords or other data belonging to other users. Users shall not re-post personal communications without the original author's consent, except for messages posted in a public forum, i.e., news groups or list services which may be copied in subsequent communications provided that the source of such information is properly acknowledged. Users shall not misrepresent themselves or other users on the network.
6. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
7. Use of the network to develop, spread, and transmit computer virus programs that infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage or destroy the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
8. Users shall not publish, send, transmit, download, copy or print any communication, file, information or material which violates or infringes upon the rights of others, advocates, or condones the commission of unlawful acts, advocates or condones violence or discrimination towards others, or which may be considered abusive, defamatory, threatening, inflammatory, harassing, anti-social, age-inappropriate, profane, obscene, or otherwise offensive in accordance with school community standards.
9. Users shall not copy, transfer or download copyrighted material, information or software without permission of the party in possession of the copyright for such material, information, or software.
10. No official sanctions will be placed on the expression of personal opinion on the network. In addition, the Ellenville Central School District does not officially endorse any opinions

stated on the network. Any statement of personal belief is implicitly understood to be representative of the author's individual point of view and not that of the Ellenville Central School District or its staff members.

11. All users will provide their own disks for storage of information and/or files.
12. Users shall not use the Internet for any activity or purpose that would violate any District policy and/or rule or regulation, or that would violate any state or federal law or regulation.

Consequences for Violations of This Internet Use Policy

Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this policy may result not only in the user's suspension or revocation of an Internet account or access to the Internet, but also in appropriate school disciplinary action consistent with the code of student conduct, any collective bargaining agreement and state and federal law and regulations and in referral to the appropriate legal authorities for suspected illegal activities.

Due Process

Any student user who is suspected of using the Internet in a manner that would violate this policy or any other District policy, rule and/or regulation, or would violate any state or federal law or regulation, will be notified of the alleged violation and provided with an opportunity to respond to the allegation within one school day after receiving such notice. Any faculty user who is suspected of using the Internet in a manner that would violate this policy or any other District policy, rule and/or regulation, or would violate any state or federal law or regulation, will be notified of the alleged violation and provided with an opportunity to respond to the allegation in a manner consistent with the collective bargaining agreement.

Privacy

Although users may possess privacy rights with respect to their electronic mail transmissions, they acknowledge that the system administrator may periodically need to review on-line activities in the course of performing routine maintenance of the system. Users further acknowledge that if they are suspected of having violated this policy and any other District policy, rule and/or regulation, or any law, in any manner, the system administrator and/or appropriate school official may require access to their files to review on-line activities. The District, and/or any of its agents and employees who review on-line activities of account holders suspected of having violated this policy, shall not be subject to any claims arising out of such review of on-line activities.

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