

460 - Acceptable Internet Use Policy



The Acceptable Use Policy shall be administered and implemented according to the following terms and conditions:

School Information Network Acceptable Use Policy references the use of electronic information software and hardware resources made available to staff and students by GWA. These resources include, but are not limited to, voice mail, electronic mail, the Internet, and other network files or accounts provided to staff or students and computer hardware, including computers, computer processors, laptop computers, printers, scanners, copiers and all other peripheral equipment and computer networking equipment. Staff and student use of electronic information resources must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the educational objectives of GWA. While access to all materials on a worldwide network cannot be controlled, Internet access in the school is filtered and monitored on an ongoing basis.

Terms and Conditions of This Policy:

Acceptable Network Use

- Students will use the Internet and other electronic information resources in an appropriate manner, abiding by the rules and regulations described in this policy.
- Students who formally publish school related information on the Internet must have proper approvals and abide by school publishing guidelines and procedures.
- Students are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, being polite, never sending or encouraging others to send abusive messages, and using inappropriate language.

Unacceptable Network Use

- Students may not intentionally transmit or receive material in violation of law or school policy. This includes, but is not limited to, pornographic, indecent or sexually suggestive materials, and information regarding weapons, controlled substances or alcohol, or incendiary devices. Users are prohibited from posting or sending content that contains threats or is hatefully or racially, ethically or otherwise objectionable.
- Students may not participate in or promote any illegal or inappropriate activities, disruptive use of the network, or activities of any kind that do not conform to the rules, regulations and policies of the GWA.
- Students may not use the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
- Students may not reveal personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, passwords, credit card numbers or social security numbers. Releasing personal information of others or that of organizations associated with the school is prohibited.
- Students may not intentionally harm or destroy school data, the network, or network performance. This includes, but is not limited to, creation and introduction of computer viruses, unauthorized access to restricted systems or programs, or using the school network to illegally access other systems.

Expectation of Privacy

- Student files, disks, documents, etc., which have been used or created with school electronic information resources are not considered private.
- Electronic mail transmissions of any kind are not private.
- Discussion/Submission
- Students will participate in a discussion with a parent or legal guardian, which includes proper behavior and use of the network.
- Students will be required to submit a new Student Network Use Agreement Form each year or upon special request.

Disciplinary Action

Students who violate the terms and conditions of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from school and appropriate legal action. Access to electronic information may be limited, suspended or revoked.

Service Disclaimer

GWA makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the electronic information resources it is providing. The school will not be responsible for any damages a staff member, student, parent, or volunteer suffers while using these resources. These damages may include, but are not limited to, loss of data as a result of delays, employee errors or omissions, or non-deliveries or service interruptions caused by a network system. Use of information obtained by the network system is at the employee's own risk. GWA specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through the electronic information resources.