

Acceptable Use Policy
2011-2012
Computer and Internet User
Tuckahoe Union Free School District

The purpose of the Internet is to provide access to unique resources. Our goal in providing this service to students is to promote educational excellence within the Tuckahoe Schools by facilitating resource sharing and innovation. The use of the computer network is a privilege, not a right! To remain eligible as a user, the use of your account must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the District.

Acceptable Uses:

1. All use of the Internet must be in support of educationally related inquiry.
2. Network user ID's are ONLY to be used by the authorized owner of the account
3. All use of messaging software, including e-mail, must be in support of educationally related inquiry.
4. Only school-provided devices may be connected to the network.

Unacceptable Uses:

1. Sharing passwords or seeking passwords belonging to other individuals or making unauthorized entry into another individual's network account.
2. Impersonation – real names MUST be used, pseudonyms are not allowed.
3. Using profanity, obscenity or language that may be offensive to another user.
4. Personal attacks upon others, including attacks that may be interpreted as "bullying" or "cyberbullying."
5. Illegal installation of copyrighted software on District network. Users must respect all copyright issues regarding software, information, all media (i.e., music, video, intellectual property) and attributions of ownership. The unauthorized copying or transfer of copyrighted materials is not acceptable.
6. Downloading or uploading pirated or illegal software.
7. Publishing, accessing, distributing, downloading, forwarding, or sending any information which violates or infringes upon the rights of others or which would be considered abusive, profane or sexually or ethnically offensive.
8. Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
9. Downloading computer applications or installing software applications or computer hardware without first having the express permission from the Tuckahoe Union Free School District.
10. Using the network for illegal activities or political lobbying.
11. Accessing or processing pornographic materials, or inappropriate text files.

12. Accessing or processing files dangerous to the integrity of the network.
13. Creating any inappropriate documents or other digital content.
14. Degrading or disrupting equipment, software or system performance.
15. Disclosing or disseminating personal information regarding minors (i.e., address, phone number, pictures, social security number and academic standing).
16. Bypassing or attempting to bypass any security measures or software the District has in place including but not limited to, internet content filtering, desktop security and anti-virus software.
- 17. Users shall not use system resources for any non-instructional purpose, including but not limited to: personal email account access (e.g. Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo, Gmail, etc.), personal instant messaging (chatting), social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter), online shopping, online gaming or personal use of streaming media such as online radio stations, music videos or video broadcasts.**

EMAIL:

The Tuckahoe Union Free School District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network and/or Internet access or files, including email. All emails may be subject to the Freedom of Information Law.

VIOLATIONS:

This agreement shall serve to protect actions and computer usage that may occur off campus, but have a nexus to the school community that substantially disrupts the work and discipline of the school and places a profound and significant impact on students within the District (i.e. an off-campus student who during non-school hours consistently emails another student's district email with offensive, demeaning and threatening content). This shall not serve to suppress individuality or personal viewpoints, but simply to protect the safety of students and the sound educational environment the District proudly upholds.

Students using the District's computer network and equipment are required to comply with the District's policy and regulations governing the District's computer network both on and off campus. Failure to comply with the policy or regulation may result in disciplinary action as well as suspension and/or revocation of computer access privileges.

Additionally, illegal activities are strongly prohibited. Any information pertaining to or implicating illegal activity will be reported to the proper authorities. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal, state and/or local law or regulation is prohibited.

DISCLAIMER:

The Tuckahoe Union Free School District makes no guarantee about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of the District's network are to be borne by the user. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the Tuckahoe Union Free School District, its affiliates, or employees. Accordingly, anonymity is NOT allowed. As an educational institution, we believe that individuals must take responsibility for their actions and words.

The Tuckahoe Union Free School District makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the internet access it is providing. The school is not responsible for:

1. Any damages users suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service;
2. The accuracy, nature or quality of information stored on school diskettes, hard drives or servers or gathered through school-provided Internet access;
3. Personal property used to access school computers or networks or for school-provided Internet access; or
4. Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from school-provided access to the Internet.

The individual in whose name a system account is issued will be responsible at all times for its proper use. Thus, users have full responsibility for the use of their account. All violations of this policy will be treated as the sole responsibility of the owner of the account. Any violation of this policy must be reported to school administrators.

I have read the 'District Acceptable Use Policy' and I hereby release the District, its personnel and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of, or inability to use, the District System, including but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services. I agree to follow the rules contained in the 'District Acceptable Use Policy' and I understand that if I violate the rules, access to the Internet and/or District can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Date: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Student's: _____ Parent/Guardian's
Name: _____ Name: _____

Student's _____ Parent/Guardian's
Signature: _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MRS. LINN BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2011.