

Neenah Joint School District Acceptable Use Policy

Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) provides a wide array of technology resources for the purpose of student learning. This agreement, along with the student handbook for each school, outlines appropriate use and prohibited activities when using technology resources. Every student is expected to follow all guidelines stated below, as well as those given orally by the staff, and to demonstrate good citizenship and ethical behavior at all times.

In accepting this agreement, students acknowledge the following rules and conditions:

As an NJSD student, I understand that my school network and email accounts are owned by the school district and are not private. NJSD has the right to access my information at any time.

GOVERNMENT LAWS:

I will use computers in conformity with laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

Criminal Acts – These include, but are not limited to, “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, sending harassing email, cyberstalking others, viewing or sending child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems. (A list of Federal statutes from the United States Department of Justice is below as Appendix A).

Libel Laws - Publicly defaming people through the published material on the internet, email, etc...

Copyright Violations - Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright), engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own).

NETIQUETTE and RESPONSIBLE USE:

1. I will use NJSD technology resources productively and responsibly for school-related purposes only. I will not use any technology resource in such a way that would disrupt the activities of other users.
2. I will be polite and use appropriate language in my email messages, online postings, and other digital communications with others. I will not use profanity, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language as determined by school administrators.

3. I will use email and other means of communications (e.g. blogs, wikis, chat, instant-messaging, discussion boards, etc.) responsibly. I will not use computers, cell phones, personal digital devices or the Internet to send or post hate or harassing mail, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others, or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors either at school or at home.
4. I understand that I am an Ambassador for the school in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites such as MySpace and Facebook should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers, or on Neenah Joint School District. I understand that I will be held responsible for how I represent myself and my school on the Internet.
5. I understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, sending out e-mail, creating accounts, or posting messages or other online content (e.g. text, images, audio or video) in someone else's name as a joke.
6. I understand that passwords are private. I will not allow others to use my account name and password, or try to use that of others.
7. I will use NJSD computer resources responsibly. I will not retrieve, save, or display hate-based, offensive or sexually explicit material using any school computer resources or personal digital devices. I am responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive.
8. I will not attempt to bypass security settings or Internet filters, or interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware on school computers.
9. I understand that vandalism is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to modifying or destroying equipment, programs, files, or settings on any computer or other technology resource.
10. I will respect the intellectual property of other users and information providers. I will obey copyright guidelines. I will not plagiarize or use other's work without proper citation and permission.
11. I will not use or access files, software, or other resources owned by others without the owner's permission. I will use only those school network directories that are designated for my use or for the purpose designated by my teacher.
12. I will follow all guidelines set forth by NJSD and/or my teachers when publishing schoolwork online (e.g. to a website, blog, wiki, discussion board, podcasting or video server).
13. I understand the Internet is a source for information that is both true and false; and that the school is not responsible for inaccurate information obtained from the Internet.
14. I understand that NJSD administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.
15. I agree to abide by all Internet safety guidelines that are provided by the school and to complete all assignments related to Internet safety.