

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

4526-R2

**STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
REGULATION**

Educational Purpose

Being a successful digital citizen in an ever increasing technological society is a goal for all students of the Rye City School District. Expectations for online/Network behaviors are no different than for behavior in school. To that end, the following rules have been written to promote positive, effective digital citizenship among students and staff.

District Network

The Rye City School District provides students access to the District's computer "Network" to maximize educational opportunities and resources. This Network includes Internet access, wireless Internet access, computer services, computer equipment and related equipment for educational purposes.

1. Student access to technology in the schools is a privilege, not a right, which may be suspended.
2. It is the expectation of the District that all access to the Internet while on school property shall be through the authorized District Network login.
3. The District will notify parents about policies governing the use of the District Network. Students shall only be permitted to utilize the District's Network for school assignments while on school property, after submitting a completed and signed Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement Form. The Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement Form must be signed by the parents/guardians and students at the start of each school year.
4. The District has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material that students access or post through the Network.
5. Students shall follow the rules set forth in the District Code of Conduct as well as state and federal laws such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [FERPA], the Electronic Communications Privacy Act [ECPA], the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act [CFAA], and others as appropriate.

Student Internet Access

1. Students may obtain access to the Internet, including wireless Internet access, with the approval of their parent(s) and the school when permitted by a staff member. Each student and his/her parent or guardian must sign an Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement Form to be granted individual access to the District's Network and wireless service.
2. If students bring their own "personal wireless devices" (i.e., smart phones, tablets, and/or laptops etc.) to school, they shall take all reasonable measures to protect against theft or damage of such wireless devices. The District accepts no responsibility for personal property brought to school by students. Students who choose to bring a personal wireless device to school assume full responsibility for the wireless device.
3. Students utilizing the District's wireless Internet service shall be permitted to log in with one (1) wireless device at a time.

Internet Filtering

Internet filtering technology on the Network is used to prevent access to material that is obscene, illegal (i.e. child pornography) and/or harmful to minors, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). This filtering applies to Internet access through the use of District computers as well as the use of a personal wireless device.

Unacceptable Uses

Students may use technology equipment provided by the District or personal wireless devices. Students may only access the Internet on the District Network and with the supervision of a teacher or staff member for school assignments while on school property.

There is a 250MB limit on downloading and storing audio, image or video files on the Network drive (h:/ or s:/). Remote access to the District's Network is prohibited. In addition, students will not use technology to engage in attacks on the District's Network and/or Internet.

Personal Safety

1. Students will not post personal contact information about themselves or other people. Personal contact information includes name, e-mail address, cell telephone number, images, home phone or address, school name or address, or anything that personally identifies a student.
2. Students/parents will promptly disclose to their teacher/child's teacher or other school employee any messages or images viewed and/or received that are inappropriate or make the student feel uncomfortable. If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate information, he/she should immediately tell his/her teacher or another District employee.
3. Students should never agree to meet with anyone encountered on-line.

System Security

1. Students are responsible for their individual access account.
2. Students should not distribute/share computer passwords with others.
3. Students will immediately notify a teacher or staff member if they see or hear about a possible security problem.
4. Students will not attempt to access websites blocked by the District, including the use of chat rooms, social media sites, and personal e-mail, or to purchase items online.

Inappropriate Access

Students will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Network, or to any other computer system through the Network, or go beyond their authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of "browsing."

Inappropriate Language or Material

1. Students will not use technology to engage in or share obscene, profane, inflammatory, embarrassing, threatening, or disrespectful language or media of any kind.
2. Students will not use technology to engage in personal attacks.

3. Bullying or harassment through the use of technology (cyber-bullying) that affects the school environment whether undertaken at school or elsewhere is prohibited (see District Code of Conduct). Bullying includes systematic and intentional infliction of physical harm or psychological distress on a person or group of people. Harassment is the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation or abuse (see Policy 5040).

Respect for Privacy of Others

1. Students will not distribute or forward a message received or viewed with technological equipment without permission of the person who sent the message.
2. Students will not post personal information about another.

Copyright Infringement

Students will respect the rights of copyright owners. The source of online research information should always be cited. If students are unsure whether or not they can use research they found online, they should ask the teacher.

Monitoring Technology Use

1. Students' personal files on the District system and records of their on-line activity are not private and may be monitored by the District.
2. Personal wireless devices may be seized and inspected on school grounds, in accordance with Section 5300.65 in the Code of Conduct.
3. If it is believed that a student has violated the Acceptable Use Regulation in the use of technology, parents will be contacted and provided with the opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in the District Code of Conduct.
4. Additional restrictions may be placed on the student's use of the Network and a student's privilege to use the Network may be revoked by the District at any time.

Disclaimer

The Rye City School District makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the Network. The District will not be held liable for the content already existing on student owned personal wireless devices; this includes music/lyrics, movies, pictures, games, etc.

References:

5040, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention under the Dignity for All Students Act ("DASA")
5040-R, Rules and Regulations for Intervention and the Prevention of Instances of Bullying, Hazing, Harassment and/or Discrimination
Rye City School District Code of Conduct

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**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK**

RYE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 6-12

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FORM

Student Section

Student Name _____ Year of Graduation from High School _____

School _____

I have read the **Student Acceptable Use of Technology Regulation (4526-R2)**. I agree to follow the rules contained in this document and use the District Network in compliance with this regulation and the District Code of Conduct. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Section

I have read the **Student Acceptable Use of Technology Regulation (4526-R2)**.

I have reviewed the Rye City School District's Acceptable Use of Technology Regulation and Form with my child. I understand it and give my child my permission to use technology and access the Internet while at school in order to enhance my child's learning. In addition, I 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 child's use of, or inability to use the District Network, including, but not limited to, claims that may arise from unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services. I understand that I can be held liable for damages caused by intentional misuse of the Network.

I have emphasized to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____