

Walter Johnson High School

Technology Code of Ethics and Internet Use Guidelines

Walter Johnson High School is pleased to offer students access to the Internet and a school-wide network. Students are responsible for proper care of equipment and software. Students are issued a Chromebook on loan for the duration of their educational experience with MCPS, we don't recommend students bring their own non MCPS issued devices as they are not supported and we cannot be responsible for any loss of or damage to an item. Students who intentionally misuse these resources or who do not adhere to the Technology Code of Ethics will be subject to revocation of privileges and, depending on the nature of the infraction, potential disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action. Restitution for damages will be the responsibility of the student and parent. Please see the MCPS [document with the list of repairs](#) for damage to an MCPS issued Chromebook.

Provisions

Acceptable uses of the Internet are activities which support learning and teaching.

1. Use of the Internet and the network are a privilege, not a right.
2. It is the responsibility of the user to abide by the rules of each network or system to which he/she is authorized access.
3. Students will abide by the classroom procedures outlined by the supervising teacher.
4. Any student who identifies a portion of the Internet that contains inappropriate material is required to notify staff immediately. ALL users of the network are responsible for adhering to these guidelines.
5. Students are expected to take proper care of their MCPS issued devices.
6. Students will not print without the teacher's permission.

Unacceptable use of the Internet includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Using the network for purposes other than educational
- b. Vandalizing equipment or system tampering (any unauthorized alteration of data, operating systems, individual accounts, software, networking facilities and/or other programs)
- c. Using obscene, vulgar, abusive or inappropriate language, pictures, or other materials which may be offensive to others
- d. Knowingly introducing viruses
- e. Attempting to read, delete, copy, or modify the files of other users
- f. Attempting to decrypt passwords
- g. Attempting to gain an unauthorized level of access or network privileges
- h. Attempting to gain unauthorized access to remote systems
- i. Deliberately interfering with other users making appropriate use of the system
- j. Attempting to libel, slander, or harass other users
- k. Permitting others to use your account or password
- l. Sharing passwords
- m. Forging or attempting to forge e-mail addresses, including re-posting personal communication without the author's prior consent
- n. Unauthorized copying or transferring of copyrighted materials or any other violation of copyright law
- o. Placing copyrighted material on the network without permission of the author

- p. Plagiarizing, which is the taking of some else's words, ideas, or findings and intentionally presenting them as your own without properly crediting their source
- q. Using the system for illegal activities or personal financial gain
- r. Making personal purchases or unauthorized orders
- s. Using commercial advertising, chain letters, or non-educational games
- t. Revealing personal information (home phone numbers, addresses, etc.) of others
- u. Using unauthorized e-mail, or social media