

POLICY ON STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NETWORK

PURPOSE:

The Chicago Public Schools provide computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. The Chicago Public Schools may make Internet access or electronic mail ("e-mail") available to students on the CPS Network as educational resources. It is a general policy of the Chicago Public Schools to promote the use of computers in a manner which is responsible, legal and appropriate. Student use of the CPS Network is a privilege. A student's failure to adhere to the Student Acceptable Use Policy ("Policy") will result in the revocation of the student's access privileges. Should a student's access privileges be revoked, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity for access to the CPS Network.

POLICY TEXT:

I. USE OF THE CPS NETWORK'S SERVICES

Improper use of the CPS Network is prohibited. Uses of the CPS Network that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Use of the CPS Network for, or in support of, any illegal purposes;
2. Use of the CPS Network for, or in support of, any obscene or pornographic purposes; this includes, but is not limited to, the retrieving or viewing of any sexually explicit material;
3. Violation of any provision of Illinois School Student Records Act, which governs students' rights to privacy and the confidential maintenance of certain information including, but not limited to, a student's grades and test scores;
4. Use of profanity, obscenity or language that is generally considered offensive or threatening to persons of a particular race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or to persons with disabilities;
5. "Reposting" or forwarding personal communications without the author's prior consent;
6. Copying commercial software in violation of state, federal, or international copyright laws;
7. Using the CPS Network for financial gain or for the transaction of any business or commercial activities;
8. Plagiarizing (claiming another person's writings as your own) any information gained on or through the CPS Network or any other network access provider;
9. Using the CPS Network for political lobbying;
10. Intentionally disrupting the use of the CPS Network for other users, including, but not limited to, disruptive use of any process, program, or tool for ascertaining passwords or engaging in "hacking" of any kind, including, but not limited to, the illegal or unlawful entry into an electronic system to gain secret information;
11. Providing access to the CPS Network to unauthorized individuals; and
12. Use of the CPS Network to violate any provision of the Chicago Public Schools Uniform Discipline Code.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The privilege of using the CPS Network is free to students of the Chicago Public Schools.
- The student to whom an account on the CPS Network is issued is responsible, at all times, for its proper use.
- A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - MAY keep a free account on the CPS Network as long as he or she is a student in the Chicago Public Schools;
 - MAY use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects;
 - MAY use the Internet to send e-mail to other users of the CPS Network and to people around the globe;
 - MAY use the Internet to explore other computer systems.
- A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - SHOULD change his or her password frequently;
 - SHOULD NOT give his or her password to another person.
- A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - UNDERSTANDS that NONE of his or her communications and information accessible through the CPS Network is considered private or confidential and the Chicago Public Schools reserves the right to access all user accounts, at any time, including student electronic mail;
 - UNDERSTANDS the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy before logging on;
 - UNDERSTANDS that if the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy is violated, the student's account on the CPS Network will be revoked;
 - UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from CPS Network by a school faculty member that he or she has the right to appeal the removal within thirty (30) days, in writing, to the principal of the school. The school principal's decision shall be FINAL.

