

The Board of Education considers access to its computer systems, including the internet, to be a privilege and valuable education and research tool. Computers, computer networks and related technology provided by the Webutuck Central School District shall be used solely for the advancing and promoting learning and teaching. The use of school computers, network resources and/or the internet for non-educational purposes such as for personal business or illegal activity is prohibited. The use of all district systems and the internet is a privilege, not a right. The district's computer systems and devices are district property to which users are permitted access. The District shall have the right at any time to access, inspect and view any materials stored on its computers, computer networks and on peripheral devices of any sort. No student shall have any expectation of privacy from the Board of Education through the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee as per the regulations governing the use and security of the district's computer systems and devices on or off school premise. All the use of the school district's computer systems shall comply with this policy and those regulations. Lack of compliance may result in suspension of access to the district's computer systems and/or devices.

Acceptable Use and Conduct

Access to the Internet on the School District's computer network is provided solely for educational purposes and research. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in suspension or revocation of that privilege and disciplinary actions from the district.

The individual in whose name an access account is issued (an "Account Holder") will be responsible at all times for its proper use. All Account Holders will be issued a login and password.

Account Holders shall abide by the generally accepted standards of Internet Etiquette. This includes being polite and using only appropriate language. Exclusive or obscene language, vulgarities and swear words are all inappropriate. Each individual account holder shall abide by the requirements for technology use as indicated in the Code of Conduct, Policy 5300.

Each account holder will not participate in social networking sites using School District equipment, unless it is required as part of an educational program. The School District shall hold students accountable for their actions as indicated in Policy 5300 and 5695. The District has the right to investigate incidents associated with inappropriate behavior occurring on the Internet.

Prohibited Activity and Uses

The following is a list of prohibited activity concerning use of the Internet and school issued devices by Account Holders. Violation of any of these prohibition may result in discipline or other appropriate penalty, including suspension or revocation of an Account Holder's access to the Internet or School Issued Device.

1. Using the Internet for commercial activity, including advertising (not for educational purposes).

2. Infringing on any copyrights or other intellectual property rights, including copying, installing, receiving, transmitting, or making available any copyrighted material on the district computer network or school issued device.
3. Using the Internet or school issued device to receive, transmit or make available to others obscene, offensive, or sexually explicit material.
4. Using the Internet or school issued device to receive, transmit or make available to others messages that are racist, sexist, abusive, obscene or harassing to others.
5. Using another Account Holder's account or password
6. Attempting to read, delete, copy or modify the electronic mail (email) or messages of other Account Holders and deliberately interfering with the ability of other Account Holders to send and/or receive emails or messages.
7. Forging or attempting to forge e-mail or other forms of messages.
8. Engaging in vandalism. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy School District equipment or materials, data of another Account Holder or of any of the entities or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes but is not limited to, creating and/or placing a computer virus, downloading keylogging programs, or using a proxy server to bypass the Internet Filtering system on the School District Network or when using a school issued device.
9. Using the Internet to send anonymous messages or files.
10. Revealing the personal address, telephone number or other personal information of oneself or another person.
11. Using the Internet or school issued device in a fashion inconsistent with directions from teachers and other staff and generally accepted Internet etiquette.
12. Downloading, installing, executing or activities software on School District network or School Issued Devices, other than from Student Self Service App.
13. Attaching or using peripheral devices on School District Computers unless authorized by a teacher or educational program. This includes, but is not limited to flash drives, thumb drives, external hard drives and zoom drives.

Right to Inspection

The School District has the right to access, inspect and view any materials stored on school issued devices, computers, computer networks and on peripheral devices of any sort.

Sanctions

1. All Account Holders using the School District's computer network and equipment comply with the rules set forth in this policy. Failure to comply with the policy may result in disciplinary action as well as suspension and/or revocation of access privileges and/or to the school issued device.
2. Illegal activities are prohibited. Any information pertaining to or implicating illegal activity may be reported to the proper authorities. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal, state and/or local law or regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, materials protected by copyright, or threatening or obscene material. Account Holders must respect all intellectual and property rights laws. .

The School Districts Responsibilities

1. The School District makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the access and devices being provided. Further, the School District assumes no responsibility for the quality, availability, accuracy, nature or reliability of the material provided on the Internet. Account Holders use information at their own risk.
2. The School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered by any Account Holder resulting from the use of the INternet. The School District is not responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from the use of the Internet or school issued device.
3. The School District may use technical or manual means to regulate access and information on the Internet, but these methods do not provide a foolproof means of enforcing the School District's Acceptable Use Policy and Regulation.
4. Nothing herein shall be construed to mitigate the School District's right to access, inspect and view material on its computers, computer networks, school issued devices and peripheral devices of any sort.
5. The Student Acceptable USe Policy and Regulation is available on the Webutuck website at www.webutuckschools.org