

SOLON CITY SCHOOLS

ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

Technology is playing an increasingly important role in education, and when used appropriately, can significantly enhance educational opportunities for students, staff and the community. Unrestricted Internet access is now available to students and teachers of Solon City Schools. The Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers and proper use of the Internet is encouraged. This Acceptable Technology Use Policy applies to situations where any person or persons utilize the technology resources at Solon City Schools.

The following principles have been adopted to insure that users of the technology resources at Solon City Schools comply with the Acceptable Technology Use Policy.

Authorized uses of the technology resources include:

1. Learning activities to facilitate Solon City Schools' instructional objectives.
2. Research conducted in support of educational or research programs authorized by Solon City Schools.
3. Utilization by specifically authorized persons for the administration of Solon City Schools and its programs.
4. Communications between faculty, staff and students containing messages or information, the content of which is not in conflict with this policy.

Unauthorized uses include:

1. Any utilization infringing on the rights or liberties of another.
2. Illegal or criminal use of any kind.
3. Utilization involving communications, materials, information, data or images prohibited by legal authority as obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive, harassing, discriminatory, anti-social or in violation of any other Solon City Schools' policies.
4. Accessing, viewing, printing, storing, transmitting, disseminating or selling any information protected by law or subject to privilege or an expectation of privacy.
5. Utilization that causes or permits materials protected by copyright, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade secret, confidential or proprietary data and information statutes, or communications of another, to be uploaded to a computer or information system, published, broadcasted or in any way disseminated without authorization of the owner.
6. Any attempts to access any resources, features, contents or controls of the technology resources that are restricted, confidential or privileged.
7. Utilization of resources causing damage to or altering the operation, functions or design of the technology resources or content.

8. Granting access to persons not authorized to use the technology resources of Solon City Schools, either by intentional action such as disclosure of account information or unintentional action such as failure to log off.
9. Commercial, profit-motivated or partisan political use.
10. Utilization requiring privacy of any kind for any purpose.
11. Recording of teacher virtual lessons.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. With access to the Internet comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value and is clearly not appropriate or authorized by this policy. To monitor compliance with this policy, communications and information accessed by the authorized user is subject to random monitoring by Solon City Schools. Consequently, as an authorized user, it is understood that any expectation or right of privacy in communications, data, programs or other personal information stored, displayed, accessed, communicated, published or transmitted is waived.

It is further understood that violation of this policy may result in revocation of utilization privileges and/or administrative discipline and could lead to criminal prosecution.