Technology/Network Acceptable Use Handbook Policy - ISD #2856

Students and staff of Stephen-Argyle Central Schools use network/technology as learning and communication tool every day. While we have filters in place to control as much of the potential negative content as we can, it is not possible to filter or control all aspects of technology use. Because of this, we have put in place the following Usage Agreement. Any action by the student that is determined to constitute an inappropriate use of the Internet or our technology systems would be considered a breach of this Acceptable Use Contract. Unacceptable use of the Internet when off school district premises and without the use of the school system also may be in violation of this policy as well as other district policies, A complete copy of the district's Acceptable Use Policy (#524) is available on our school web-site: sac.k12.mn.us   If any parent wishes to request alternative educational activities not requiring network access, they should contact the building principal.

The use of the school district system and access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right.

Violations of this policy are subject to disciplinary consequences as determined by the school administration which could include, but are not limited to: detention, suspension, denial of technology access, damage fines, and/or exclusion from technology related activities or classes.

Student Agreement:

While on the network/internet or using school technology resources I Will:

a. use the Internet access to do research for assignments and/or interests that are directly related to my schoolwork.

b. respect the privacy of other users and will not modify the files or other data or passwords belonging to other users.

c. comply with copyright agreements for data and documents including media such as pictures and music.

d. view or print approved educational research materials only.

e. respect the equipment and all school computer and behavior rules while using the Internet.

f. accept responsibility for any damage to school technology equipment under my care.

g. immediately report to school personnel any technology related problems, which occur.

While on the network/Internet or using school technology resources I WILL NOT:

a. provide or gain unauthorized or inappropriate access to material or computers or another student/staff member's work nor take part in activities that result in the alteration or loss of that student/staff member's work.

b. play games that are not curriculum-related,

c. use social network sites, chat lines or use personal e-mail,

d. download any unapproved programs to any school technology resource tools

e. use personal disks, including USB drives, without prior consent from a teacher

f. share my user name or password with anyone or use another person's school account or user name or password.

g. give out my (or another person's) name, address, phone number or other personal information on the Internet.

h. use any personal or school technology communication resource to send messages which could be interpreted as harassment, bullying, or inflammatory to another student or member of the school staff.

i. violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.

j. override or attempt to bypass school network access filters