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| SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL | SECTION: PROGRAMS |
| | TITLE: 138 – INTERNET USE |
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| Policy | <p>The school’s telecommunications resources provide open access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration vital to intellectual inquiry in a democracy. In defining the Internet’s resources as an extension of the Media Center, the school subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights which states that a person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views. In return, every school telecommunication user has the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every user in our community and on the Internet. Account holders are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, in accordance with the missions and purposes of the networks they use on the Internet, and the laws of Pennsylvania and the United States.</p> <p>Using the telecommunications resources is a privilege, not a right, and the privilege may be revoked at any time for unacceptable conduct.</p> <p>Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. using the network for an illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts 2. using the network for financial or commercial gain 3. degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance 4. vandalizing the data of another user 5. wastefully using finite resources 6. gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities 7. invading the privacy of individuals 8. using an account owned by another user without authorization 9. posting personal communications without the author’s consent 10. posting anonymous messages 11. placing unlawful information on the system 12. using abusive or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages 13. sending messages or programs that are likely to result in the loss of recipient’s work or systems 14. sending "chain letters", "broadcast" messages, or "pyramid schemes" to lists or individuals, or any other types of use which would cause congestion of the networks or otherwise interfere with the work of others 15. Using the network to violate operating rules, policies or guidelines of any of the service providers or interactive services found on the Internet <p>Responsible use of computing and communications facilities and services requires that users:</p> |
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1. respect the legal protection provided by copyright and licenses to programs and data
2. respect the rights of others by complying with all policies and laws regarding intellectual property
3. respect the rights of others by complying with all policies and laws regarding sexual, racial and other forms of harassment, and by preserving the privacy of personal data to which you have access
4. respect the privacy of others by not tampering with their files, tapes, disks, passwords, or accounts, or representing others when messaging or conferencing
5. use only computer ID's or accounts and communications facilities which you are duly authorized to use, and to use them for the purposes for which they were intended
6. respect the integrity of computing systems or data; for example, by not intentionally developing programs or making use of already existing programs that harass other users, or infiltrate a computer or computing system, and/or damage or alter the software components of a computer or computing system, or illegally gain access to other facilities accessible via the network
7. use computing and communications facilities in a manner which is consistent with the ethical principles set forth by the school and with accepted community standards
8. respect and adhere to any/all local, state or federal law which may govern use of these computing and communication facilities in Pennsylvania and The United States
9. protect their own safety by not releasing personal information and by reporting to their teacher any attempts by others to discover personal information about them

The following is a list of uses that are not appropriate for students:

- a. using the network for commercial advertising
- b. using copyrighted material in reports without permission
- c. using the network to lobby for votes
- d. using the network to access files or messages that contain pornographic material
- e. using the network to send/receive messages that are racist
- f. using the network to send/receive inflammatory messages
- g. creating, receiving or disseminating a computer virus
- h. using the network to send/receive a message with someone else's name on it, without the expressed permission of that person
- i. to send/receive a message that is inconsistent with the school's code of conduct
- j. using the network to send/receive messages that are sexist and/or contain obscenities
- k. using the network to request home and/or business phone numbers and, later, making obscene or harassing phone calls to the numbers
- l. using the network to provide addresses or other personal information that others may use inappropriately
- m. using the network for sending/receiving large numbers of personal messages
- n. vandalism and harassment –

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify or destroy data programs of another user, Internet, or other networks that are

connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, downloading, disseminating or creating of computer viruses.

Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference with another user's work. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted mail.

All users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources might be a violation of local, state and federal laws. Violations may lead to immediate revocation of Internet access rights or other sanctions.

Users may encounter material that is controversial and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. However, on a global network it is impossible to control effectively the content of data, and an industrious user may discover controversial material.

It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material.

Any decision by the Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees to restrict access to Internet material shall not be deemed to impose any duty on the Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees to regulate the content of material on the Internet.

The Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees shall make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. It will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, no deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees negligence, or by the user's errors or omissions.

Use of the telecommunications facilities and systems, as well as any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk.

The Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet or telecommunications resources.

All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain, and consider how valid that information may be.

A student's disk shall be the private property of the student and not disclosed to the school, unless there are reasons to do so equivalent to those reasons that would allow the school to search a student's other personal property.

Users should not expect that files stored on the schools systems will be private, or that received, sent, or stored e-mails will be private. School personnel may review files and communications equipment for purposes related to the administration of the computer system and to ensure that users are using the network responsibly

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| Delegation of Responsibility | The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee to enforce this policy |
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