EASTERN HOWARD SCHOOL CORPORATION
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Eastern School Corporation is pleased to offer its staff and students access to many electronic resources via the use of the schools' network system. Access to a variety of applications software combined with the resources of on-line databases and the Internet creates a broad technological world for the enrichment of our staff and students. EHSC believes the proper us of technology will help propel our school through the communication age by allowing students and staff to access and use resources from local and distant services as well as communicate and collaborate with other individuals and groups around the world. Appropriate use of technology is certainly a skill necessary for life-long learning.

While the Corporation's intent is to make internal and external network connections available in order to further educational goals and objectives, users may find ways to access other materials as well. Even though the Corporation institutes technical methods and systems to regulate all Internet access; those methods cannot fully guarantee compliance with the Corporation's Acceptable Use Policy. That notwithstanding, the Corporation believes that the benefits of students' access to our network and the Internet exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Toward that end, Eastern Howard School Corporation has included below the policy and procedures concerning use of on-line services for your review.

NOTICE: This policy and all its provisions are subordinate to local, state, and federal statutes.

Rules of on-line network etiquette

1. Be polite. Do not be abusive in your communication with others.
2. Use suitable language. Do not use profanity, vulgarities, sexually-oriented or other inappropriate language.
3. Students should not reveal their personal address or phone number, or that of anyone else.
4. Remember that electronic communications are not guaranteed to be private. Those who operate the various on-line services have access to all messages and can report to authorities those messages which support illegal activities.
5. Do not use the network in a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.
6. Assume that all communications, programs, and information which are accessible on-line are private property. As such, do not download any files without prior authorization.
7. Do not access any resource unless you're sure it is free from computer viruses and malware.

List of prohibited uses of the on-line services

The following uses of any on-line services are prohibited by EHSC. Moreover, this prohibited activity may be illegal and subject the offending user to criminal prosecution.

1. Do not access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit materials.
2. Do not transmit pornographic, obscene, abusive or sexually explicit materials, or "stalk" or harass others.
3. Do not use the network to violate local, state or federal statutes.
4. Do not vandalize, damage or disable or "hack" the files of others. Creation or willing transmission of a "virus" or malware is considered vandalism.
5. Do not access the files, information, or software of others without prior authorization.
6. Do not upload, download or otherwise use copyrighted material or other intellectual property of others without prior authorization. Copyright violations can result in fines or imprisonment.
7. Students should not purchase any goods or services through any on-line service.

Disclaimer concerning use of on-line services

Eastern Howard School Corporation makes no guarantees, implied or otherwise, regarding the reliability of the network or any external data connection. As such, use of the technology services indemnifies EHSC from any and all liability, loss or damages suffered as a result of claims, demands, attorneys' fees, costs or judgments against them arising out of the user's violation of these network terms and conditions. EHSC, its employees and agents, make no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, concerning the on-line access it is providing. Furthermore, EHSC will not be responsible for:

1. any damages suffered by a user, including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service, or computer "viruses;"
2. the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on diskettes, hard drives or servers provided by EHSC;
3. the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through the on-line access provided by EHSC;
4. personal property used to access computers, networks or the on-line access provided by EHSC;
5. unauthorized financial obligations of a staff member, student (or his or her parent or guardian), resulting from the on-line access provided by EHSC.

Corporation rights to data

It should be understood that all data stored on Corporation owned equipment is considered the property of Eastern Howard School Corporation. As such, EHSC reserves the right to examine all data and its derivatives stored on Corporation equipment or networks to make sure that all users are in compliance with these regulations.

Understanding of Privilege and Consequences:

Use of the school technology network and resources is a privilege, not a right. Students are not to use school computers or accounts to access any data locally or on the Internet without the permission and supervision of a teacher or school official. Staff and Student technology use will remain within the guidelines of the acceptable use definition at all times. Inappropriate behavior may lead to penalties including--but not limited to--revoking of technology access, disciplinary action, and/or legal action. Violations of our computer use policy are handled according to the type and severity of each incident. Student discipline parallels State and National laws for computer use and may be found in the respective school building Student Handbooks.

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