

Information Technology Usage Policy for Students

The academy is pleased to offer students access to the computer network. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world via the Internet. This access is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access is a privilege - not a right; and access entails responsibility.

The use of computer technology and Internet access is an integral part of the mission of the academy. Students are expected to follow all guidelines stated below as well as those given verbally by the lab instructor, teacher or other staff.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials.

Since there are multiple computers for student access, the teaching staff cannot monitor all of the information a student is accessing. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the academy's intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. The academy believes that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, outweigh any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Any actions that might harm the computer equipment, software, data, another user, the Internet, or that show disregard will NOT be tolerated. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Internet usage policy

1. The use of the Internet is for research as assigned by the lab instructor or teacher.
2. Visiting chat rooms of any kind is not allowed.
3. Do not sign up for any promotions or catalogs, leave messages, purchase or anything else on the Internet that requires your name and/or address.
4. Permission must be obtained from the regular classroom teacher before printing from the Internet.
5. Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating, and copyright violations) is not allowed.
6. Disruptive conduct will result in disciplinary actions including a meeting with parent/guardian.
7. As needed, appropriate school personnel may review any of the student's files, data or email.