

REGULATIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET ACCESS

- Students must realize that no messages are to be considered completely private. They are stored on a computer somewhere and subject to the level of security at that site and the network en route to the recipient of the message.
- Students must acknowledge respect for other network resources. In general, the fact that a student **can** perform a particular action does not imply that he/she **should** take that action.
- Students must realize that not all information on the Internet is accurate, factual or without bias and use information accessed judiciously.
- The use of student accounts must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the Greater Essex County District Board. Transmission of or accessing information in violation of Canadian laws is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - copyrighted material
 - threatening or obscene material
 - information that is protected by trade secret
 - commercial advertising
 - trying to access protected services on the Internet

For its part, the Greater Essex County District Board will endeavour to provide a supportive environment in which students may best benefit from Computer Networking and Internet activities.

Students will receive instruction dealing with appropriate uses and handling techniques of computers, appropriate uses of the Internet, Internet searching techniques, Electronic Mail, and the proper protocols to be used when accessing electronic computer resources.

VIOLATIONS

Violators of this Acceptable Computer Use Policy will be dealt with by the principal of the school. Students found in violation of this policy will face disciplinary action which may include:

- suspension from the school computer network
- revoking access to the school computer network
- suspension from school
- paying the cost of any damages/losses resulting from the student's inappropriate use of the resources
- referral to police

WIDE AREA NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS

All Greater Essex County Public Schools are connected via a Wide Area Network. Each student may have access to his/her own Private Email account and may have access to other Board resources and, on a wider scale, Internet Resources. The purpose of extending Internet access is to support research and educational access to unique resources located outside the scope of the school's Local Area Network and the Board's Wide Area Network meeting the expectations in the Ontario Curriculum.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

After reading the Acceptable Computer Use Policy contained elsewhere in this flyer, please sign and date this form. The completed form should then be returned to your child's teacher.

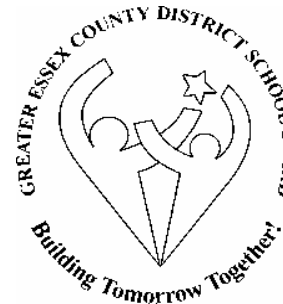
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read the Regulations for Acceptable Computer Use Policy. I acknowledge that the Greater Essex County District School Board will provide these facilities for educational purposes only and I will not hold the Greater Essex County District Board liable for materials my child may access on the Internet.

PARENT/
GUARDIAN NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:



As part of your child's education, students attending Greater Essex County District School Board schools will have an account on the computer network installed at their school.

This account is provided for the exclusive use of the assigned student during the school year to provide a resource to enhance the learning environment and to make available various electronic resources for the student.

REGULATIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORK ACCESS ON THE SCHOOL'S LOCAL AREA NETWORK

- Each student's account will be secured by a password known ONLY by that student. Passwords should never be given to anyone else and should be changed periodically.
- Students have computer network access for the express purpose of creating documents and working with curricular software in their own individual workspace. Modifying other students' or teachers' files is clearly an improper use of network resources.
- Students have access to their account and their account only. Accessing the network using the account of another student or teacher is strictly prohibited.
- Only software that has been authorized by the Greater Essex County District School Board, or created by students in class with teacher supervision may be installed on a computer network.

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LOCAL AREA COMPUTER NETWORK

Access to the computer network installed at your child's school gives him/her the use of all of the resources to which the teacher has selected for his/her class. The granting of a computer account and the access given to curricular resources is a privilege, not a right. It is the intention that every student will use these resources wisely and only for the explicit use in his/her studies during the school year.

COPYRIGHT

All students are expected to honour all copyright restrictions with respect to the distribution of computer software.

In part, the Greater Essex County District School Board Policy with respect to Copyright of Computer Software states:

- "1. The Greater Essex County District School Board supports the policy that only legally obtained computer software may be used within its schools.*
- 2. The duplication of copyrighted computer software or documentation is prohibited."*

VIRUS PROTECTION

A procedure is in place with respect to the scanning of diskettes that are brought to school by students. Students who elect to transport diskettes from home to school will be instructed in the proper procedure for the detection of computer viruses.

COMPUTER HARRASSMENT

Your school takes bullying and harassment by computer very seriously. Students shall not use any internet or other communication device to intimidate, bully, harass or embarrass other students or staff members. Students who engage in such activities on school grounds or at school related activities, or outside of school creating disruption to school operations shall be subject to the consequences outlined on the reverse side of this form.

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STUDENT:

I have read the Acceptable Computer Use Policy and will abide by the letter and spirit of the Guidelines. I further understand that violation of these Regulations is unethical and will be dealt with by school officials. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

STUDENT NAME: (please print)

Grade

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

