

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Tiverton School Department

Access to the School's Computers, Network and Internet Connections.

Computer Use

- Students at the Tiverton Public Schools have the opportunity to use electronic resources (computers with approved software, network and the Internet). It is a privilege for them to use the resources for the purpose of supporting and extending students' educational experiences.
- The following guidelines are established to enhance the learning experience of the students while maintaining a safe, functional environment.

Students may have access to computer equipment subsequent to agreeing to the acceptable use policy, with parental permission.

Students are permitted to use computer-related equipment when supervised or given permission by a staff member.

Students will not damage the computers, peripherals, network equipment or connections.

No food or drink is permitted in a computer work area.

The use of computers for any illegal activity or commercial purposes is prohibited.

Developing or using programs that harass other users, attempt to infiltrate a computer system or alter the software or hardware of a system is prohibited.

Using someone else's account or sharing passwords is not permitted.

Using a computer or network in such a way that may disrupt or lead to the disruption of the system services, traffic, or equipment is forbidden. Disruption includes, but is not limited to, propagation of computer viruses and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other computer or accessories.

Students are prohibited from downloading games and game playing both online or local is not permitted unless approved by a subject teacher.

Excessive printing of documents is unauthorized, unless approved by the supervising teacher.

E-mail is strictly forbidden to students. Instant messaging, chat room programs and chat lines are also forbidden.

Students who receive information or messages that make them uncomfortable will immediately report the occurrence to the supervising staff.

Posting personal information in the public domain such as addresses, phone numbers, gender, age, and unauthorized images is prohibited.

Students will not attempt to access private or personal materials, information, or files of others.

Students will not vandalize, damage, or disable the work of another individual or organization.

Students will not access, create, or distribute harassing, pornographic, obscene, racist, sexually explicit or threatening material, imagery or language.

The use of the Tiverton Public Schools' computer equipment is not a right, but a privilege.

- Disciplinary actions related to student access to electronic resources may be determined at the school and/or classroom level in accordance with provincial, board, and school discipline policies.
- Violations of the school policy may result in a loss of access to electronic resources. Such loss may result in the inability of the student to successfully complete the curriculum learning outcomes.
- When deemed necessary by school administration, law enforcement agencies may become involved.
- It is the responsibility of the student to submit a signed copy of the school's Acceptable Use Agreement to the school administration or designates.

Disclaimer

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includes, but is not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions.

Student Section

All students must read and sign and have their parents/guardians read and sign this Permission Form for Student Access to the School's Computers and Internet Connection before access privileges are provided by the school.

I have/have not attended a school-sponsored information session concerning the school's Acceptable Use Policy.

I have read and understand the school's **Acceptable Use Policy** and agree to abide by the conditions and spirit of the Policy.

Signed _____ Student Number _____
Print Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Section

I have read and understand the school's **Acceptable Use Policy** as stated above and agree to abide by the conditions and spirit of the policy.

I understand and agree that any financial transactions undertaken by this student from the school Internet account are my responsibility.

Signed _____ Date _____
Print Name _____