

Wheaton High School Internet/Network Use Guidelines

Use of the Internet and the school-wide network are a privilege, not a right. Students violating policies pertaining to standards of conduct on Internet or network use shall be subject to revocation of privileges and, depending on the nature of the infraction, potential disciplinary, and/or appropriate **legal** action.

Each network or system has its own set of rules. Actions that are routinely allowed on one network or system may be controlled, or even forbidden, on other networks. It is the responsibility of the user to abide by the rules of each network or system to which s/he has authorized access.

Provisions

1. Acceptable uses of the Internet and school-wide network are activities which support learning and teaching. Users are encouraged to develop methods which meet their individual educational needs while taking advantage of the network's functions.
2. Unacceptable use of the Wheaton High School network includes, **but is not limited to**, the following:
 - a. Using the network for purposes other than educational
 - c. Vandalizing equipment or system tampering (any unauthorized alteration of data, operating systems, individual accounts, software, networking facilities and/or other programs)
 - c. Using obscene, vulgar, abusive or inappropriate language, pictures, or other material which may be offensive to others
 - d. Knowingly introducing viruses
 - e. Attempting to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other users
 - f. Attempting to decrypt passwords
 - g. Attempting to gain an unauthorized level of access or network privileges
 - h. Attempting to gain unauthorized access to remote systems
 - i. Deliberately interfering with other users making appropriate use of the system
 - j. Attempting to libel, slander, or harass other users
 - k. Permitting others to use your personal e-mail address, account, or password
 - l. Sharing passwords
 - m. Forging or attempting to forge e-mail addresses, including re-posting personal communication without the author's prior consent
 - n. Unauthorized copying or transferring of copyrighted materials or any other violation of copyright law
 - o. Placing copyrighted material on the network without permission of the author
 - p. Plagiarizing, which is the taking of someone else's words, ideas, or findings and intentionally presenting them as your own without properly crediting their source
 - q. Using the system for illegal activities or personal financial gain
 - r. Making personal purchases or unauthorized orders
 - s. Using commercial advertising, chain letters, or non-educational games
 - t. Revealing personal information (home phone numbers, addresses, etc) of others
3. Wheaton High School will be responsible for:
 - a. Teaching students about these guidelines
 - b. Supervising and guiding student access to the Internet and the school-wide network
4. **All** the network are responsible for adhering to these guidelines
5. The following are entitled to use the Internet:
 - a. All staff
 - b. All students, under the direction of a teacher, during a classroom lesson
 - c. All students in grades nine through twelve, independently, if a permission slip has been signed and submitted by both the student and a parent or guardian