

Ridgefield Park Public Schools

Computer Network Responsibility Contract

This document contains information from District Policy 2361 and District Regulation 2361 relating to the acceptable use of computer networks, computers and other technology resources in Ridgefield Park Public Schools. The full policies can be found at: http://rpps.net/board_of_education/district_policies where they can be viewed, downloaded and/or printed.

The provision of all technology resources in the district is intended for educational purposes. Use of these facilities is a privilege and subject to District rules as outlined in the aforementioned documents. Ridgefield Park Public School District reserves the right to monitor and access all content created or stored using district issued accounts.

For the purposes of this contract, the references to unacceptable behaviors apply to any and all activity using district networks, hardware, devices, software, programs, applications, platforms, storage spaces, and web-based accounts provided by the district as well as the use of personal devices while on school grounds.

The following activities are deemed unacceptable and may result in disciplinary actions including but not limited to allowing use of the network only under direct supervision, suspension or revocation of computer and/or network privileges, suspension from school, expulsion from school, and/or legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

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Prohibited Activities and Uses

1. Using the computer networks/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities that violate Federal, State, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the networks. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
2. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
3. Using obscene language and/or accessing material or visual depictions that are obscene as defined in section 1460 of Title 18, United States code;
4. Using or accessing material or visual depictions that are child pornography, as defined in section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code;
5. Using or accessing material or visual depictions that are harmful to minors including any pictures, images, graphic image files or other material or visual depictions that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
6. Depicting, describing, or representing in a patently offensive way, with respect to what is suitable for minors, sexual acts or conduct; or taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors;
7. Cyberbullying and/or bullying including but not limited to harassing, insulting or attacking others
8. Inappropriate behavior, including inappropriate interaction with other individuals on social networking sites, in chat rooms, in any other online collaborative environments or when using district computer networks/computers;
9. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks or any district owned electronic device;
10. Using the computer networks/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
11. Using another's password, forging electronic mail messages, using accounts owned by others or sharing username and/or password with others;
12. Trespassing or any access of another's folders, work or files;
13. Circumventing the intended activity assigned by a teacher through unauthorized sharing, copying, distributing, possessing or posting of information by any means or using materials that have been shared without teacher authorization;
14. Creating, possessing, sharing, posting, or redistributing pictures, videos, audio recordings of any other person without express permission from all parties involved;
15. Intentionally wasting limited resources;
16. Employing the computer networks/computers for commercial purposes financial gain, or fraud;
17. Storage of files including but not limited to image files, video, audio files, apps, programs, executables or any file not directly related to assigned academic work;
18. Possesses any data which is a violation of this Policy; and/or
19. Engaging in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer networks/computers are provided.

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I agree that my child/ward must abide by the terms and conditions of computer use (Networking and Telecommunications) of the Ridgefield Park Public School District as defined in District policy 2361 and District regulation 2361. I understand that the terms and conditions are designed to support educational purposes and that the Ridgefield Park Public School District has taken and will continue to update precautions to eliminate controversial materials. Therefore, I will not hold the district responsible for materials acquired on the network (i.e., Internet).

Furthermore, I understand that the inappropriate use of the network will result in the revocation of computer access rights as well as other consequences determined by a school administrator in accordance with policies and regulations. In addition, I understand that the school district will comply with the proper authorities to give them access to and provide them with information as requested. I accept full responsibility for any materials acquired on the network by this student outside of the school setting.

I understand that in the case where a student brings privately-owned technology to school, use of that technology is allowed only at the discretion of District personnel and as defined in Policy 2363. I also understand that bringing privately-owned technology to school indicates consent that it may, at their discretion of the student, be used for educational purposes if and when approved by District personnel. I understand that intent to withhold such permission must be expressed in writing and sent to the school's main office.

I understand all students grades PK-12 will at times use the Internet and that students in grades 2 through 12 will be issued a District rpschools.net Google account including access to tools such as Google Docs, Drive and Classroom among others. District Google email accounts will be activated for students in grades 7 through 12. Gmail accounts for students in Grades 7 and 8 will be restricted to sending or receiving emails from teachers or other students in the rpschools.net domain. Gmail accounts for students in Grades 9 through 12 can email or receive email from accounts outside the domain as well. Students are expected to adhere to the provisions of this agreement when using District rpschools.net Google accounts or any other online account initiated by the District.

Finally, I accept responsibility for any school related impacts, damages, or injuries due to the misuse of a computer or network by this student either inside or outside the school setting.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all parts of this contract and am in agreement with the rules and restrictions described within it.

With these understandings, I give my permission for child/ward to use school computers and the network.