

Spencerport Central School District Student Technology/Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines

The Spencerport Central School District's (SCSD) mission is to educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community. Internet access furthers the goals and objectives to meet the New York State Learning Standards. We believe that the benefits for student access to the Internet and/or computer resources far outweighs any potential risk, however, it should be understood that some sites might contain information that is inappropriate, pornographic, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some users. However, everyone should be aware that students who have Internet access may (potentially) inadvertently or deliberately encounter unacceptable resources.

SCSD believes strongly in promoting the acceptable or appropriate use of technology. All students must follow the guidance listed below to promote acceptable or appropriate use of the Internet and computer resources whether accessed on school grounds or remotely and agree as follows:

1. The use of computer resources is limited to the educational objectives established by SCSD instructional staff.
2. Non-instructional materials should not be saved at any time to district storage space. At the conclusion of the school year user's files and data on district storage space will be deleted.
3. The sending or receiving of unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate, or unacceptable information of any kind, or anything disrupting the school environment including but not limited to any form of bullying, intimidation or harassment is forbidden.
4. Students are not allowed to electronically share their own or anyone else's home address, home phone number or other personal information with any non-Spencerport instructional staff for any purpose and are required to report any requests of this kind to their classroom teacher, librarian, principal, or another staff member.
5. Students may not plagiarize information received in any form and are required to properly cite all pictures & other multimedia materials.
6. Students may not use another person's account for any district owned hardware, program or software.
7. Password(s) are not to be shared with anyone else other than instructional staff.
8. Students may not download non-instructional materials without the consent of their teacher(s) or school personnel.
9. Any attempt to bypass security built into the system, will result in immediate consequences including but not limited to the loss of Internet and/or computer resource privileges.
10. Any student attempting to interfere with, vandalize, or disrupt network users, services, traffic, equipment, or software may be held responsible for any monetary damages that SCSD incurs due to their misuse.
11. Students may not use SCSD's Internet access for illegal purposes of any kind.
12. SCSD computers are not to be used for maintaining social websites (ie, Twitter, Facebook, etc.), sending unauthorized E-mail, chat or text messages unless directed by a staff member for instructional purposes.
13. All students must abide by the licensing agreements for any school software, subscriptions or online databases
14. Students are forbidden to install any software on any SCSD owned computing device.
15. Students are not allowed to connect any personal devices, without permission, on any SCSD owned computers or their network.
16. The violation of copyright laws or any licensing or software agreements is forbidden.
17. All users are required to follow all state and federal laws in their usage of the SCSD network.

SCSD reserves the right to access and view any material stored on SCSD equipment or any material used in conjunction with the SCSD computer network. SCSD reserves the right to monitor all Internet activity by users of the district's network.

Any violation of the foregoing guidelines or inappropriate use will be treated as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and shall be handled accordingly. The district shall determine whether student conduct constitutes a violation of these guidelines and/or the District's Code of Conduct and that decision shall be final. Any violation may also result in the loss of privileges (i.e., Internet, network access, device access, etc.). The SCSD may notify the appropriate legal authorities if there is suspicion of illegal activities.

SCSD makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the technology services it is providing. SCSD shall not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or a user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the users own risk. SCSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.