

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

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Computer Network and/or Internet Student Acceptable Use Agreement

The Board of Education provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students utilize Enfield Public Schools' computers, networks and Internet services for school-related purposes and is consistent with the Enfield Public Schools' stated mission, goals and objectives. The Enfield Public Schools reserves the right to place restrictions on the material accessed or posted and to enforce all rules set forth in the Enfield Board of Education Policies, Administrative Regulations, and applicable local, state, and federal laws.

The district recognizes its responsibility to educate students regarding appropriate behavior on social networking and chat room sites about cyberbullying. Therefore, students shall be provided instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Any student who violates this policy and/or any rules governing use of the Enfield Public Schools' computers networks and Internet services will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Illegal uses of the school district's computers will also result in referral to law enforcement authorities.

All Enfield Public Schools' computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the Enfield Public Schools. Enfield Public Schools reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Each student authorized to access the school district's computers, networks and Internet services is required to sign an acknowledgment form stating that they have read this policy and the accompanying regulations.

Malicious use of the Enfield Public Schools' computer network to develop programs or to institute practices that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or damage the components of the entity of the network is prohibited. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit over the system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, cyberbullying, or other antisocial behaviors are expressly prohibited.

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email-messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures, images, and website postings.

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The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy/regulations. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the Enfield Public Schools' computers, networks and Internet services system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
Children's Internet Protection Act, Pub. L. 106-554, codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h).
53a-182b Harassment in the first degree: Class D felony. (as amended by PA 95-143)
53a-183 Harassment in the second degree: Class C misdemeanor.
53a-250 Definitions.
Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 28 U.S.C. §§2510 through 2520.
Public Law 110-385 Broadband Data Improvement Act/Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act

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**COMPUTER NETWORK AND/OR INTERNET
STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FORM**

The Enfield Public Schools Computer Network and/or Internet Student Acceptable Use Agreement governs the use of computers/devices, Local Area Networks, and the Internet in the classrooms, media center, computer labs, and/or off school grounds.

This agreement must be read and signed by both the student and a parent/guardian and returned to the school. Access to Enfield Public Schools Computer Network and/or Internet System will not be granted until the agreement has been signed and returned.

Any student violating this agreement will be subject to disciplinary action based on Enfield Board of Education Policies and Administrative Regulations. Any student and his/her parents/guardian can be held financially liable for labor and associated costs incurred by the district if the student vandalizes property and/or violates this agreement.

By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms as outlined in the Enfield Public Schools Computer Network and/or Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

Student's Name	Year of Expected Graduation	Student's Address
Student's Signature		Date
Parent/Guardian's Name		Parent/Guardian's Address
Parent/Guardian's Signature		Date

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