

CONDUCT - COMPUTER CENTERS / INTERNET POLICY

Student Acceptable Uses:

- The District provides electronic information, services, and networks for educational purposes. All use must be in support of education and/or research, and in furtherance of the District's stated educational goals. Accordingly, regulations for participation by anyone on the Internet shall include, but may not be limited to the following:
 1. Access is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it responsibilities of digital citizenship for all involved. Students will use appropriate language and/or images (e.g. no swearing, vulgarities, suggestive, obscene, inflammatory, belligerent, defamatory, or threatening language and/or images). Students will practice respect for others, by never using any technology to harass, haze, intimidate, defame or bully anyone.
 2. Students are responsible for all activity under their electronic accounts. Students will not share passwords with other users or log in as someone other than themselves. Students will never use or attempt to use a teachers login information to gain access to a computer workstation or to log through the District's internet filter. Students will log off of devices and/or websites when finished.
 3. Students will use school district-provided devices, networks, and Internet access for educational purposes only. Uses that promote a personal commercial enterprise for personal gain through selling or buying over the school district's network are prohibited. Uses in regards to political activities agendas must be in compliance with state law and Board policy.
 4. Students will protect the privacy of self and others. Students will carefully safeguard last names, personal addresses, personal phone numbers, personal email addresses, passwords, photos, or other personal information on the Internet, including such items belonging to others. Students should be aware that when using many digital tools on the Internet, published work may be publicly accessible and permanently available.
 5. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, backup, review, and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the school district network and Internet access, and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. This also includes any information stored on school district network or local electronic devices. All such information files shall be and remain accessible by the District, and no student shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such information.
 6. While the District maintains an internet filtering appliance and makes every effort to filter inappropriate material, it is possible for an industrious user to gain access to such material. Inappropriate material is defined as material that violates generally accepted social standards. It is the student's responsibility not to initiate access to or to distribute inappropriate material, or attempt to circumvent filters through software or internet browser extensions/add-ons, ex: virtual private network software or VPN's.
 7. It is every student's responsibility to adhere to the copyright laws of the United States that delineate those laws regarding software, authorship, and copying information.

- 8. It is every student's responsibility to treat the physical and digital property of others with respect. This includes proper treatment of digital devices and other hardware, the network system, and respecting others' electronic files. Students are not to remove, add or modify software, computer hardware or network equipment.

Google Apps and Consent

The Staff of Hamilton School District has had the opportunity to use and explore Google Apps for Education for the last few years. Now we would like to extend the benefits of Google Apps for Education to our school population . Google Apps for Education provides a cloud based collaborative environment that can be accessed from any device, such as a computer, smartphone, or tablet. This involves student participation in an online format. Students will have access to files and information provided by their teacher, and student generated documents at home or at school. You can find information at the following website regarding Google Apps for Education at <http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/>.

Google Apps for education is an online place where staff and students can access rich learning resources and Web 2.0 tools while keeping everyone safe, securing the school network, and ensuring our school is in compliance with the law. Call it an extension of our classrooms. Some of the online collaboration tools include document creation, presentation creation, group discussions, online assignments, and event calendaring. We call it intelligent filtering—safely providing access to Web 2.0 features and online content within a controlled, monitored, secure environment.

We would like your permission to have your child participate in this exciting format and help us incorporate this program into our learning environment.