

Use of Computers and Networked Information

Spackenkill Union Free School District (SUFSD) has high speed access to the Internet for the use of the entire school community of students and staff for legitimate academic, instructional, research and administrative purposes. All staff and students are granted free and equal access to the network and Internet resources. All users, including board members, are given access to a district managed email account. This email account is the only one that should be used for district related matters.

SUFSD encourages computer network use as an integral part of the curriculum. The network will enhance the educational experience and provide local, state, national and global communication opportunities for staff and students.

Our District will: Provide a safe environment for students

Faculty and Staff will: Exhibit positive behaviors, literate practices and provide guidance and instruction

Students will: Use technology productively and for appropriate educational purposes

Each student or staff member who wishes to use the various schools' networks must first sign a user agreement in order to establish a user ID account. In the case of students, the student's parent or legal guardian must also sign the user agreement. This must be done each year.

Technology protection measures (i.e., filtering software) have been installed on networked computers with access to the Internet to protect against user access to images and materials that are obscene. When access is needed for bona fide research or other lawful purposes, these technology protection measures may be disabled.

The use of school computers, software, network resources and/or the Internet for non-educational purposes such as for profit activity, personal business or illegal activity is prohibited. The District is not responsible for any financial obligation that may arise from a user's unauthorized use of the technology.

Users acknowledge that in the course of using the Internet, there may occur interruptions in service beyond the control of the District, which can result in the loss of data, information or files. The District disclaims any and all responsibility for loss of data, information or files, caused by such service interruptions.

Users may not damage, tamper with or hack into any computers, computer systems, or networks that are accessible over the District's computer network, or any District folders, files or work.

Users may not post, send, transmit, publish, download, upload, copy, print or otherwise disseminate information containing any advertising or solicitation of other members to use goods and services that are not for school-related purposes.

Anyone identifying a security problem on the Internet must notify a network administrator or administrator immediately.

Users possess no reasonable expectation of privacy. All activities on school computers and/or network are subject to unlimited access by the network administrator and school officials.

Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to: being polite, not being abusive in messages to others, and using appropriate language in the school context. (

Users are legally required to respect all copyright laws regarding software and acknowledgement of authoring.

Any account user who, after due process has been afforded, is determined to have this policy or our Administrative Procedure may have his/her user account suspended and/or revoked. Also, a breach of the terms may result in disciplinary action consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the Student Code of Conduct, and collective bargaining agreements.

Students are solely responsible for the safekeeping of any portable electronic device (including but not limited to cell phone, PDA, I-pod, MP3 player or other similar device) that they bring onto school property (which includes school grounds or buses). The District assumes no legal or financial responsibility for any loss or damage to portable electronic devices brought onto school property by students.