

Newton USD 373 Acceptable Use Policy for Network Access & Internet Safety - SY 2010-11

Use of computer network services is an important skill for today's technologically literate students. Newton wants to open this important avenue of research to our students while ensuring their safety. Please review these policies with your son/daughter with particular attention to #14. Students need to be reminded that the traditional "parent's warnings" against "talking to strangers" apply in this case for the same safety reasons.

1. All use of Network & Internet services or electronic devices must be in support of education and research, being consistent with the purposes of the Newton Public Schools, USD 373.
2. Any use of the network or electronic devices to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited.
3. Any use of the network or electronic devices for commercial or for profit purposes is prohibited unless approved by supervisor.
4. Use of the network, workstation or other electronic device for non-school related communications shall not conflict/interfere with school obligations.
5. Any use of the network or any electronic device for non-school related product advertisement is prohibited.
6. Network accounts are to be used only by those authorized to use that account.
7. Any and all use of the network, district owned computers, phone or other electronic device is not private and may be accessed by appropriate personnel at any time
8. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
9. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
10. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, profanity, flaming, spamming, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited.
11. Abiding by state and national copyright policies, all information, programs, videos, music, and graphics accessible through the Internet will be assumed to be private property unless otherwise stated. All copyright issues regarding software, information and attributions of authorship will be respected. The illegal installation of copyrighted software for use on district computers is prohibited. Plagiarism in any form is prohibited.
12. Use of the network to access obscene, objectionable, or pornographic materials is prohibited.
13. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited.
14. Students & staff shall be careful when using their full names, or give out their home phone number, home address, or school name. (We also recommend that you not give your social security number, bank account numbers or credit card numbers.)

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- **reserves the right to log and view Internet use and to monitor file server space utilization by users.**
- **reserves the right to remove a user from the network to prevent further unauthorized activity.**
- **provides Internet filtering.**
- **does not allow unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.**