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Internet Acceptable Use Policy Administrative Regulations

1. Access to the Internet through New Connections Academy must be for educational purposes and correlate with the educational objectives of the classroom.
2. In order for each staff member to have access to the Internet, the staff member must:
 - review the Internet Acceptable Use Policy
 - sign a contract
3. In order for a student to have access to the Internet,
 - a parent or guardian must give written permission
 - a classroom teacher must sponsor the student
 - the student must sign a contract
4. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege. The School Administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this policy and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. This decision will be final.
5. Users are responsible for actions and activities involving the Internet.

Unacceptable uses are, but not limited to:

- Illegal distribution of software, otherwise known as pirating. (All users should be aware that software piracy is a federal offense and is punishable by fine or imprisonment.)
- Using the Internet for private, financial, or commercial gain, illegal activity, and/or advertising.
- Wastefully using resources, such as file space.
- Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- Invading the privacy of individuals.
- Using another's account or password with or without permission.
- Posting material authored or created by another without consent.
- Posting anonymous messages.
- Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material.
- Using the Internet while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
- Vandalism, defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment, data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

6. Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Be polite. Do not be abusive in your messages to others.
 - Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or other inappropriate language.
 - DO NOT reveal any personal address or telephone number.
 - Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - Do not use the Internet in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.

7. School disciplinary action or legal consequences may result from violating acceptable use of Internet access.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Internet is a network of networks that allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of computers. The use of the Internet shall correlate with the curriculum adopted by New Connections Academy. A responsible user may use the Internet to research classroom projects, send electronic mail (e-mail), and explore other computer systems. However, with such great potential for education also comes potential for abuse. It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that this valuable resource be used in an appropriate manner.

New Connections Academy takes precautions, through teacher supervision, to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. Because information on the Internet appears, disappears, and changes it is not always possible to predict or control what students may locate. While it is possible to select some resources that will be more easily available to students, school officials cannot promise to completely control the Internet environment. Although computers with Internet access are in supervised areas, parents and teachers are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow.