

Clinton Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy 2015-16

Parents Please keep this section.

Explanation of Guidelines

Clinton Public Schools provides students access to its computer network and the Internet for educational purposes only. If a student has doubts regarding whether a resource has educational merit, he/she should ask a staff member.

In order for the CPS to supervise student use of the computer network and the Internet, the Acceptable Use Guidelines must be read and the Guideline Agreement form must be signed by all students who want to have access to educational resources. Parents/guardians of students under age 18 are also required to read and sign the agreement. Students 18 or older may sign the document themselves. Signing the document indicates that the student and parent/guardian have read and understand the expectations of the Clinton Public Schools

Scope of Technology Policies

Policies, guidelines and rules refer to all computing devices including but not limited to computers, handhelds or PDAs, MP3 players, portable memory storage devices, calculators with interfacing capability, cell phones or ECDs (electronic communication devices), digital cameras, etc., as well as technology infrastructure, associated peripheral devices and/or software:

1. Owned by, leased by and/or on loan to the Clinton Public School District..
2. Owned by, leased by and/or on loan to any third party engaged in providing services for the District
3. Any computing or telecommunication devices owned by, in the possession of or being used by district students and/or staff that are operated on the grounds of any district facility or connected to any equipment at any district facility by means of direct connection, telephone line or other common carrier or any type of connection including both hardwired, fiber, infrared and/or wireless.

All Acceptable Use Policies also apply to any online service provided directly or indirectly by the district for student use, including but not limited to: E-mail, Calendar and Docs (Google Apps for Education), Parent/Student Grade Book Access through M.A.S., and Study Island, RenLearn, and streaming video service.

Expectation of Privacy

At any time and without prior notice, the CPS reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store any and all usage of the network and the Internet, as well as any information sent or received in connection with this usage. Because files remain the property of the CPS, no one should have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

Consequences for Violation of Technology Policies

Use of the computer network and Internet is an integral part of research and class work, but abuse of this technology can result in loss of privileges. Students who use the computer network or the Internet inappropriately may lose their access privileges and may face additional disciplinary or legal action.

The length of time for loss of privileges will be determined by building administrators and/or other staff members. If the user is guilty of multiple violations, privileges can be removed for one year or more.

Unacceptable Uses of Technology Resources

Inappropriate technology use includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Interfering with the normal functioning of computers, computer systems, or computer networks.
2. Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
3. Damaging or theft of computers, computer systems, or computer networks.
4. Accessing, modifying, or deleting files / data that do not belong to you.
5. Giving your username or password to any other student, or using the username or password of someone else to access any part of the system.
6. Viewing, transmitting or downloading pornographic, obscene, vulgar and/or indecent materials.
7. Sending or publishing offensive or harassing messages and content.
8. Accessing dangerous information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or danger to others.
9. Violating copyright laws and/or the district policy on plagiarism.
10. Using the network / Internet to buy or sell products.
11. Recreational / non-educational use of electronic communication (e.g. e-mail, Instant Messaging, bulletin boards, etc.).
12. "Hacking" and other illegal activities in attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files, other computers or computer systems. Uploading any harmful form of programming, bypassing filters; installing any type of server, aliasing / spoofing, peer-to-peer networking or remote-control software. Possession of and/or distribution of any of software tools designed to facilitate any of the above actions will also be considered an offense.
13. Saving inappropriate files to any part of the system, including but not limited to:
 - a. Music files
 - b. Movies
 - c. Video games of all types, including ROMs and emulators
 - d. Offensive images or files
 - e. Programs which can be used for malicious purposes
 - f. Any files for which you do not have a legal license
 - g. Hobby or personal interest files, even if not offensive or inappropriate by other standards.
 - h. Any file which is not needed for school purposes or a class assignment.

CIPA Compliance

1. All students will complete internet safety training with their homeroom or advisory teachers that includes but is not limited to a) cyberbullying b) internet safety
2. Teachers will log the date of Internet Safety training completion for their homeroom or advisory students.
3. Teachers, students and parent will have access to additional resources about internet safety internet safety and cyberbullying on the district website. [You can access this information here](#)
4. An open meeting for parents and the community will be held yearly prior to the start of school to inform parents of Clinton Public Schools' safety measures and measures they can take to protect their children while online.

NOTE: If you need a file for a class project that you think may be considered inappropriate, then you need to have teacher and school administration permission prior to the class project. 13. Uses that contribute to the violation of any other student conduct code including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, hazing or harassment, theft, falsification of records, possession of banned substances/items, etc.