

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston

Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Solomon Schechter Day School provides a variety of network and Internet resources in support of the School's educational mission. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior while utilizing these resources, just as they are responsible for their behavior in hallways and classrooms. The use of technology at Schechter is a privilege, not a right, and necessitates responsibility. The intent of this policy is to ensure that students utilize the network in a responsible manner consistent with the educational program. The following policies are provided to guide the use of this resource.

Acceptable Use

The purpose of the computer network is to distribute services to students and staff. Services include, but are not limited to printing services, access to various software applications, and access to the Internet. The transmissions of all documents, incoming and outgoing, are logged.

Inappropriate use of technology may result in disciplinary and/ or legal action.

Some examples of inappropriate and/or illegal use are:

- Installation of any software, including freeware, shareware, and commercial applications on school computers without authorization from the Technology Manager
- Intentional viewing, downloading, or distribution of pornographic and/or offensive material such as, but not limited to text, photograph and video
- Using obscene language, harassing, or insulting others
- Violating copyright laws
- Intentionally distributing computer software viruses
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Using other people's passwords and/or trespassing in other people's folders, work or files
- Destruction/vandalism of equipment, system software, applications, files, and/or other network resources
- Employing the network for commercial or political purposes
- Illegal, deceptive, or fraudulent activity
- Traffic designed to tax, overload, impede, interfere with, damage, or degrade the normal system functionality and performance

Services Provided to Students

- Students will be provided a folder to store files
- Students may utilize the network to access the Internet in support of their education
- Students may print files of reasonable size
- Students will have access to the software tools they need to facilitate their Education

Cautions

It is the student's responsibility to maintain a backup copy of his/ her files.

Use of the Internet has the potential to put students in danger. Students and parents are required to read and discuss the following documents regarding cyberbullying-

- *Cyberbullying*
http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=cagoterminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Community+Safety&L2=Cyber+Crime+%26+Internet+Safety&L3=Keeping+Young+People++Safe&sid=Cago&b=terminalcontent&f=community_cyberbullying&csid=Cago

Both of these documents were produced and distributed by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

In-School Supervision of Computer Use

The network employs a content filter to help prevent accidental access to materials that are not considered productive to the School's educational mission. However, no content filter is perfect. There is always a chance that a student may view something that may be considered inappropriate while using the Internet. For this reason, as a matter of policy, use of computers and the Internet is generally supervised by faculty and/or staff.

Violations

The School reserves the right to deny, revoke or suspend user privileges and/or to take other disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from school, for violation of this policy. The School will advise appropriate law enforcement agencies of illegal activities conducted through the computer network. Schechter will cooperate fully with local, state, and/or federal officials in investigations related to alleged illegal activities conducted through the School's network.

If damage to the computer network or its functionality is caused by a student's misuse, the student and his or her parents will be responsible for all costs and expenses necessary to correct the damage.

Signature not required

This document is an official School policy and does not require parental and/or student signature to be enacted or valid. However, we do ask that you return the following page as acknowledgment of the receipt and perusal of this document.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact the Technology Manager at (617) 928-9105 x4522.

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We have read the Solomon Schechter Day School Student Network/ Internet Acceptable Use Policy and agree to abide by its provisions. We:

- understand that use of the network and Internet are privileges, not rights, and that such privileges may be revoked in the event that this policy is violated;
- understand that violations of this policy may result in disciplinary and/ or legal action;
- understand that the Solomon Schechter Day School employs an Internet content filter, but that this filter is not perfect and in rare instances may result in unintentional access to inappropriate material;
- will not hold the school or its representatives responsible for materials acquired on the Internet;
- agree not to violate copyright laws;
- have read and discussed cyberbullying information at <http://www.mass.gov>
- agree to reimburse Solomon Schechter Day School for all costs and expenses incurred as a result of a violation of this policy, including but not limited to the costs and expenses of third-party consultants.

Student:

(Please Print)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Grade Level)

Parent or Guardian:

(Please Print)

(Signature)

(Date)