

New Hope-Solebury School District Network and Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines for Students and Staff

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Students, staff and administration of New Hope-Solebury School District have individual computer accounts, which allow access to school network resources including email and the Internet.

Please read these guidelines carefully and sign below. You will be held responsible for following ALL of these guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school, depending upon the severity of the offense.

Board Regulation #815 states:

“All computer communication systems, and all communications and stored information transmitted, received, or contained in the NHSD Network’s systems are NHSD property and are to be used only for school-related purposes. In the event there is a reasonable suspicion that a user is using the NHSD Network in violation of the guidelines stated in this policy, a system administrator or teacher may gain access to a student’s private correspondence or files without prior notice. System administrators also may need to access private files as part of regular system maintenance.”

Students and staff are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with District Policy 815.1 and 814.2, accepted rules of network etiquette, and Federal and State law. Specifically, the following uses are prohibited:

1. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
2. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes.
3. Use of the network for non-school related work on more than an incidental basis.
4. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
5. Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks, and offensive or inflammatory communication.
6. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, or use of copyrighted materials.
7. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material.
8. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
9. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients.
10. Use of the network to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords, and data belonging to other users.
11. Use of network facilities for fraudulent copying, communications, or modification of materials in violation of copyright laws.
12. Use of the network to disrupt the work of other users.

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13. Impersonation of another user.
14. Sharing District password with, or allowing password to be used by, anyone else.
15. Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, or other electronic media.
16. Destruction, modification, or abuse of network hardware and software.
17. Quoting personal communications in a public forum without the original author's prior consent."

New Hope-Solebury Internet Use Guidelines

In addition to the guidelines from the Board Regulation #815, students agree to use the Internet and email for *educational* purposes.

I will not use the school network computers or printers:

1. to play non-educational, curriculum related games;
2. to enter any information about myself, anyone else, or my school. This includes name, address, telephone number, email address, or any other information;
3. to access, send, promote or print hate mail, threats, harassing information, derogatory remarks, material of a sexual nature, and other antisocial communications;
4. for illegal, commercial or for profit purpose;
5. to purchase or order *any* items including stocks and auction items (e.g. ebay or similar websites);
6. to participate in chat, chat rooms, interactive bulletin boards, web-based email or any other online real-time conversations. I will not sign or send messages through "guestbooks" that appear on websites unless it is under the supervision of a staff member;
7. to impersonate or misrepresent other users on the network;
8. to download any files or programs, including games, MP3's, other music, or video.

These guidelines are also posted on the web. Policies can be found in all district offices and libraries.

I have read the Network Acceptable Use Guidelines. I agree to follow these guidelines. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures. **I understand that I am responsible for my account and all activity within my account.**

In signing this form you have signified that you have read and agree to these guidelines.

Please print full name

Signature

Date