

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to offer students of Seminole County Public Schools access to the district's electronic resources, including the Internet, for instructional purposes. Access to school and district software, shared files, email, and other electronic resources will enable students to fully participate in required instructional activities. Students benefit from this access as they explore information resources and collaborate with professionals and peers.

The district provides Internet filtering, but filters do not offer 100% protection from accessing inappropriate sites. Some material accessible via electronic networks might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Students utilize electronic resources under the supervision of faculty and staff and with the expectation that they will act in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, the Acceptable Use Policy and related guidelines. Seminole County Public Schools views parents and guardians as partners in setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using electronic resources, media and information sources.

Access requires responsibility. At any time an administrator or representative may review files and communications to insure that users are using the system responsibly. Students should have no expectation of privacy in any communication sent by e-mail or in regard to Internet and/or network access. As a reminder of appropriate use, a warning screen will appear on the user's computer at logon and/or other times.

As outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Networks section of the Student Code of Conduct, the following are not permitted, including, but not limited to:

1. Using another individual's username and password.
2. Using electronic resources for financial gain or for political or personal business activity.
3. Accessing, downloading, storing, sending, or displaying text, images, movies, or sounds that contain pornography, obscenity, or language that offends or tends to degrade others.
4. Attempting to send or sending anonymous messages of any kind or pretending to be someone else while sending a message.
5. Attempting to or actually accessing, modifying, harming or destroying another user's data.
6. Harassing, insulting, threatening, or attacking others via electronic resources.
7. Electronically or physically damaging or attempting to damage the network, equipment, materials or data. Examples include hacking, flooding or virus deployment.
8. Using telephone services, including long distance, without authorization.
9. Using electronic resources* for illegal or inappropriate activities.

Electronic resources include but are not limited to:

- Network access
 - Internet access
 - Digital Cameras
 - Personal digital assistants (PDAs, Pocket PC, Palm OS devices, etc)
 - Personal communication devices (cell phones, pagers, messaging devices, telephones)
 - mp3 players
 - USB flash drives
 - Email
 - Computers
 - Laptops
10. Sharing confidential information about students or employees.
 11. Other uses that the Superintendent or his/her designee may find unacceptable.

Seminole County Public Schools supports and respects each family's right to restrict access. If you choose to restrict your child's access, please visit the SCPS web site at <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us> or contact your child's school for the Internet Exclusion Request Form.