

# GUHSD Network Acceptable Use Policy

## **Purpose**

The GUHSD data network exists for limited educational purposes including classroom activities, continuing education, professional development and educational research as well as voice, video and administrative communication, security and data processing. The policies concerning its use are an extension of the school's behavior code.

## **Protections**

While the GUHSD takes reasonable precautions to limit access to material which may be harmful or inappropriate for high school students, it is impossible to control all content accessible from the Internet and makes no warranty as to the accuracy, quality or appropriateness of information it contains.

Teachers and staff will instruct students on the appropriate use of network resources and will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that information gathered from the Internet supports educational goals.

Students will alert their teacher, librarian or administrator immediately if they encounter harmful material, inappropriate communication, or suspect a breach of network security or illegal activity.

Users of the network will use respectful language, maintain privacy of personal information and respect copyright and other applicable laws.

The District shall not be responsible for service interruptions, errors or data loss of user-generated files. Network users should make regular backups of important files.

## **Prohibitions**

Network users may not download material or engage in activities that infringe on the rights of others or violate Governing Board policies, administrative regulations, or existing laws. These include but are not limited to knowingly accessing, transmitting or storing communications or materials that are: abusive, defamatory, deceptive, destructive (virus-laden), fraudulent, harassing, obscene, profane, racially offensive, sexually explicit, threatening, unwanted (junk email/spam), or that promote criminal behavior of any kind.

No student-created work shall be posted publicly online without student and parent/guardian permission.

The GUHSD data network shall not to be used for public forums, political lobbying or for commercial purposes. Advertising or soliciting that is not pre-approved by the Superintendent or his/her assignee is prohibited.

Tampering, "hacking", theft, vandalism or other interference with the function of District hardware, software or the data network shall be grounds for disciplinary action and possible referral to law enforcement for prosecution. Disciplinary action may include revocation of network use, school suspension or referral for expulsion.

The physical or wireless attachment of any device to the network without prior authorization of Information and Technology Services is prohibited.

## **Privilege**

Use of the district data network is a revocable privilege. Parents or guardians may be held financially responsible for any harm resulting from their child's willful misuse of the district network or its parts. The District reserves the right to monitor information stored in its data systems for the purpose of determining whether a violation of its policies has occurred.

For specific questions regarding this policy, please contact your school administration or the Executive Director of Information and Technology Services. (619) 644-8240.