

Student Acceptable Use of Computers, Computer Facilities and Computer Resources Policy

Central Wake High School supports the use of computer technology to facilitate learning at all levels for students. Therefore, upon enrollment at **Central Wake High School**, students are assigned a unique login and password which will allow the following:

- Use of educational software to enhance math and reading skills.
- Ability to complete on-line courses (if applicable).
- Ability to conduct research.
- Participation (if applicable) in an email mentoring program with professionals who volunteer from the local community.

Central Wake High School expects that each student will use computers, computer facilities and computer resources in a professional, legal, ethical, and responsible manner.

Each student is expected to be familiar with and comply with the rules and procedures outlined in this document.

1. Students have the responsibility to learn the rules and guidelines for the use of computers, computer facilities and computer resources and to abide by them.
2. Students are educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. Login and password information are not to be shared with other students in the classroom.
4. **Central Wake High School** will use a technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access to sites that are not in accordance with the policies of the district.
5. All computer users will comply with **Central Wake High School** and the school district's policies, rules, guidelines, accepted rules of network etiquette, and state and federal law.
6. All network and resource users must act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the School's and school district internet safety policy, rules, guidelines, accepted rules of network etiquette, state and federal law, and the Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
7. Anything "harmful to minors" or that is deemed "inappropriate material" is strictly prohibited. It is expressly prohibited to use any School network, computer, computer facility, computer resource, computer network and telecommunications systems for any form of social networking and/or cyber bullying. The term "minors" is defined as someone under the legal age of responsibility. "Social Networking" is defined as any site that is designed for public access such as YouTube, LinkedIn, etc. Specifically, the following uses of the computers, computer facilities, computer resources, computer networks and telecommunications systems are prohibited and constitute inappropriate use:
 - a. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity or cheating.
 - b. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes.
 - c. Use of the network for non-work or non-school related work.
 - d. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
 - e. Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks, and offensive or inflammatory communication.
 - f. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, or use of copyrighted materials.
 - g. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material.
 - h. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
 - i. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients.
 - j. Use of the network to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords, and data belonging to other users.
 - k. Impersonation of another user, anonymity, and pseudonyms (false names).
 - l. Use of network facilities for fraudulent copying, communications, or modification of materials in violation of copyright laws.
 - m. Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, or other electronic media.
 - n. Use of the network to disrupt the work of other users.
 - o. Destruction, modification, or abuse of network hardware and software.
 - p. Quoting personal communications in a public forum without the original author's prior consent.
 - q. To attempt to or gain unauthorized entry into a computer system (hacking).
 - r. The creation of links to other networks whose content or purpose would tend to violate these guidelines.
 - s. Cyberbullying: using the Internet, mobile phones or other digital technologies to harm others.

Consequences of Inappropriate Use:

Student users shall be financially responsible for damages or alterations to the equipment, systems, software, and data files resulting from deliberate or willful acts. In addition, damaging, destroying or altering any computer, network equipment, or any data files may result in disciplinary actions and/or expulsion under this policy.

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I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE **Central Wake High School** ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS, COMPUTER FACILITIES AND COMPUTER RESOURCES POLICY AS STATED ABOVE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DEFINITIONS AND RULES.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date