

West Buffalo Charter School Student Acceptable Computer Use Policy

The Internet is a global network of networks connecting many millions of computers. The Internet is an environment of independent, unregulated resources that can change on a daily basis. This resource is used similar to the way books, magazines, newspapers and videos are used in an educational setting.

West Buffalo Charter School is preparing students for the 21st Century by offering up to date computer resources to complement the curriculum. The Internet is a valuable tool offering a vast number of resources at the click of a mouse.

It is a general expectation that the school's resources are to be used in a reasonable, efficient, ethical, moral and legal manner in accordance with the beliefs and policies of the West Buffalo Charter School. Computer storage areas will be treated like student lockers. Administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly. Computer use will be monitored by a teacher, but students are responsible for following the guidelines for appropriate use and bear the consequences for misuse. Assigned passwords are to be kept confidential and not shared with other students.

The following are **NOT** permitted:

- Accessing, displaying or sending pornographic or offensive material, whether written or graphic.
- Accessing, displaying or sending materials that are derogatory toward any race, religion, culture, ethnic group, gender or sexual orientation.
- Using the Internet for transmission of materials in violation of local, state or federal regulations.
- Using obscene language.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Accessing personal email, instant messaging and entering chat rooms.
- Tampering, misusing, abusing or vandalizing any hardware, software, or security measures.
- Trespassing in others' files, folders or works.
- Downloading music.
- Installing software including screensavers.
- Using school resources for non-school activities.
- Accessing Social Networking sites on school equipment.

CONSEQUENCES

First Offense - Verbal warning and parent/guardian notification reviewing expectations.

Second Offense - Student/Parent conference with an administrator.

Third Offense - Permanent loss of computer privileges for the school year.

Violations and disciplinary action will be given at the discretion of the administrative team. Law enforcement agencies will be involved when appropriate. The student will not have computer privileges unless this form is signed and dated by a parent/guardian.

Access is a privilege, not a right. Access implies responsibility.

There will be a \$250 replacement fee if Chromebook is broken or damaged.

I have read the above policy, will support its implementation, and will review the expectations with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date