

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY - TECHNOLOGY

Purpose

The Nantucket Public Schools provides access to its network and technology services, including use of the Internet, for the purpose of preparing students for success and life in the 21st century. The network and technology services include all hardware and software used to create, transmit and receive digital data both internally and over the Internet.

The Nantucket Public Schools (“NPS”) provides faculty, staff, students, volunteers, authorized guests and members of the community (“Users”) with access to the NPS network and technology services, including use of the Internet, in accordance with this Acceptable Use Policy. A “User” is a staff member, administrator, student, volunteer, community member or authorized guest who utilizes the NPS network and technology services. It is expected that all users of the NPS network services and technology devices will use such services and devices for educational purposes only and act in an ethical and respectful manner.

Use of the NPS network and technology services, including use of the Internet, shall be limited to educational purposes, including, but not limited to, classroom activities, educational research, professional or career development, high quality self-discovery, administrative functions, data collection, analysis and reporting.

Availability

The NPS network and technology services includes all digital devices that can create, transmit and receive digital media including, but not limited to, desktop computers, laptops, mobile devices and smart phones, network infrastructure, servers, printers and peripherals, the NPS website and access to the Internet. This includes personally owned computers, mobile devices and smart phones on district premises and that utilize the NPS network.

The use of the NPS network services and email is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations and procedures governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulations and procedures. Noncompliance with application regulations and procedures may result in suspension or termination of user privileges and other disciplinary actions consistent with the policies of Nantucket Public Schools. Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the Nantucket Public Schools.

Acceptable Use

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement administrative regulations, procedures and user agreements, consistent with the purposes and mission of the Nantucket Public Schools as well as with law and policy governing copyright (MASC).

Monitored Use

Users of the NPS network and all digital services have no expectation of privacy for any materials including email, attachments, documents, images, blogs, wikis, podcasts and any other creation, storage and transmission of digital media. The district has the right and responsibility to monitor the use of the Internet and email. Deleting an email or file does not imply that it is removed from the system. All email is archived and all data is backed up on a regular basis.

Users will not attempt to circumvent security measures such as content filtering, virus protection and firewall services.

Liability

The Nantucket Public Schools shall not be liable for users’ inappropriate use of electronic resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users’ mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The Nantucket Public Schools shall not be responsible for ensuring accuracy or usability of any information found on external networks.