

EMPOWERED DIGITAL USE

Purpose

The School Committee recognizes the need for students to be prepared to contribute to and excel in a connected, global community. To that end, the district provides ongoing student instruction that develops digital citizenship skill sets for using technology as a tool. Information and communication technology are an integrated part of our curriculum across subjects and grades in developmentally appropriate ways and are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and standards, including seeking knowledge and understanding; thinking critically and solving problems; listening, communicating, and interacting effectively in a global environment.

The Nantucket Public Schools provides access to its network and technology services, including use of the Internet. 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. Educational purposes include, but are not limited to: classroom activities, educational research, professional or career development, high quality self-discovery, administrative functions, data collection, analysis and reporting.

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.

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 devices used 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.

Monitored Use

Users of the NPS network and all digital services have no expectation of privacy for any materials including, but not limited to: 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 all such use. All email is archived and all data is backed up on a regular basis.

Users will not attempt to circumvent security measures and shall report inappropriate use of technology immediately.

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.