

TECHNOLOGY: NETWORK, COMPUTING NETWORK, DEVICES, COMMUNICATIONS,
DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS OR DIGITAL MEDIA

The River Dell Regional School District is responsible for securing its computer network systems, including all Internet, digital communications, digital environments, online activities, devices (including ancillary accessories and protective cases) or digital media (from here on referred to as the “network”) to a reasonable and economically feasible degree against unauthorized access and/or abuse, while making them accessible for authorized and legitimate users. This responsibility includes informing users of expected standards of conduct and the disciplinary or legal consequences for not adhering to those standards. Any attempt to violate the provisions of this policy will result in disciplinary actions.

The users of the network (a user is defined as an actively enrolled student, staff member/employee or board member) are responsible for respecting and adhering to school, local, state, federal and international laws and are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Any attempt to break those laws through the use of the network may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, this district will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process.

The River Dell Regional School District network is expected to be used exclusively for education-related functions and applications. The River Dell Regional School District Board of Education reserves the right to log and monitor all communications and transactions, therefore users should have no expectation of privacy. Further, the River Dell Regional School District schools are obligated to cooperate fully with local, state or federal officials in any investigation concerning activity on the network.

The Board of Education makes no assurances of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services or information it is providing. It will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data due to user or network errors. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user’s own risk.

From this point forward the “Board” signifies the River Dell Regional Board of Education or its designees. River Dell users are prohibited from:

1. Using any non-Board approved technology.
2. Evading restrictions placed on activities by the Board or accessing inappropriate material that would compromise CIPA, FERPA, COPPA or other legal compliance with local, state or federal laws.
3. Using or obtaining access to accounts, privileges, networks or materials that the user does not have explicit permission by the Board to access.
4. Possessing, duplicating or attempting to gain access to intellectual property or copyrighted/licensed material without the express written permission of the owner or without obtaining a proper license.
5. Introducing activities, technologies or devices deemed disruptive or non-educational by the Board to the environment.
6. Using Board resources for unauthorized commercial purposes.
7. Behavior or actions in a digital environment that may be deemed or interpreted as inappropriate, bullying or any form of intimidation or harassment.
8. Unauthorized alteration, access or destruction of devices/material/data of others or the Board without their consent.
9. Activities that are prohibited or restricted under school, local, state or federal law or code.
10. Creating digital media of another user (or their likeness) without their prior consent.

11. Activities that damage networks, systems or devices.
12. Revealing personal information such as, but not limited to addresses, phone numbers, credit card information or other personal information of any user.
13. Using another user's credentials for any purpose.
14. Users who fail to follow these or additional rules implemented by the school shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may include the revocation of their computer and/or network account access or as deemed by the Chief School Administrator or his designee.

Users will act in accordance with other Federal, State, Local and District policies, such as Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (5131.2), Conduct/Discipline (5131), etc.

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