

The Acceptable Use of Technology

Using technology and computers in the classroom will provide many learning opportunities for our students. Students will learn skills that are applicable to our 21st century society, and it will help them effectively utilize the abundance of information available through many technological sources.

In order to learn and benefit from these opportunities it is important that students appropriately use and respect the different technologies that we will utilize in the classroom.

The following outlines the expectations students must abide by when using technology in our classroom/school.

1. Computers and other technologies will be used appropriately in order to gain useful information that meets our educational goals.
2. Computer and Internet users will review and download only information, computer software or images that are classroom related, and have educational value.
3. Use, submit, publish, and display appropriate information only. Students should be aware of copyright rules and cite information accurately. Plagiarisms will not be tolerated and will result in the loss of privileges.
4. The following are not permitted: - using information that violates or infringes on the rights of any other person, including the right to privacy, - information containing false, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, pornographic, profane, threatening, racially offensive, discriminatory or illegal material.
5. Appropriate password guidelines are to be followed. User accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for authorized purposes. The user's login password must be kept private. Do not reveal passwords, personal addresses or phone numbers of yourself or others. Users are responsible for any traffic through their account.
6. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of or modify files, other data or passwords belonging to other users or misrepresent other users on the network.
7. It is the responsibility of each user to make good decisions as to what information is retrieved and what is done with that information.
8. Users agree to report any observed violation to their Teacher immediately.
9. Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private; school staff may review use of email at school. Inappropriate messages can result in suspension of privileges.
10. Handle computer equipment with care and respect. Any malicious attempt to harm the property or data of another student will not be tolerated.
11. The user agrees not to tamper with or attempt to intentionally damage any computer resources. This may include changing the control panels, colours, features, and formats of any operating system or application software.
12. Any questionable action could result in cancellation of privileges.

-As a general rule students must use computer facilities and technologies, in ways consistent with Provincial and Federal laws, as well as consistently with the policies of the school and school Board.

Use of Personal Technologies

1. Students may possess a laptop, netbook, cell phone, or MP3 player with wireless capabilities, but it must be turned off, safely stored and used only with a teachers/principal's authorization for educational purposes. If this rule is not followed, the device will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian.
2. Personal devices must be taken home daily for safe keeping, as Mt. Pleasant does not assume responsibility for the personal property of students and does not purchase insurance for their property.

