

Student Acceptable Use AGREEMENT

Rationale/Introduction

As part of your child’s education, students attending Greater Essex County District School Board schools will have an account on the computer network installed at their school. This account is provided for the exclusive use of the assigned student during the school year to provide a resource to enhance the learning environment and to make available various electronic resources for the student.

GECDSB Curriculum Networks

Access to the computer network installed at your child’s school gives him/her the use of all of the resources to which the teacher has selected for his/her class. The granting of a computer account and the access given to curricular resources is a privilege, not a right. It is the intention that every student will use these resources appropriately and only for the explicit use in his/her studies during the school year.

GECDSB Wireless Networks

Every room in the GECDSB has access to a wireless guest network. Subject to school policy, students may bring personal devices to connect to this network using their GECDSB computer account credentials. Any and all uses of this network are subject to the same expectations and restrictions as are in place for school-owned devices.

Copyright

All students are expected to honour all copyright restrictions with respect to the distribution of computer resources and intellectual properties and to respect the copyright laws in place in Ontario.

Virus Protection

A procedure is in place with respect to the scanning of storage media that are brought to school by students. Students who elect to transport storage media from home to school will be instructed in the proper procedure for the detection of computer viruses. Be aware that should a virus be detected, the system will reject the storage media.

Computer Harassment

Your school takes bullying and harassment by computer very seriously. Students shall not use any internet or other communication device to intimidate, bully, harass or embarrass other students or staff members. Students who engage in such activities on school grounds or at school related activities, or outside of school creating disruption to school operations shall be subject to the progressive discipline policies of the GECDSB.

Special Education – Special Equipment Amount (SEA)

- Students who have received special education equipment through SEA funding are subject to the regulations of the GECDSB Student Acceptable Use Agreement.
- SEA equipment remains the property of the GECDSB.
- The student for whom the SEA funded equipment was purchased may use this educational resource at home provided the *Terms and Conditions of Home Use of SEA Equipment* form, available through the Special Education Department, is signed by a parent/guardian.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

After reading the Student Acceptable Use Agreement, please sign and date the agreement (both sides) and return it to the teacher.

GECDSB STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

STUDENT

I have read the Student Acceptable Use Agreement and will abide by the letter and spirit of the agreement. I further understand that violation of this agreement is unethical and will be dealt with by school officials. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____
(please print)

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Regulations for Acceptable Use of GECDSB Curriculum and Wireless Network

- Each student’s account will be secured by a password known ONLY by that student. Passwords should never be given to anyone else and should be changed periodically.
- Students have computer network access for the express purpose of supporting the curriculum expectations in the class, either through installed software or web-based resources. Modifying other students’ or teachers’ files is clearly an improper use of network resources.
- Students have access to their account and their account only. Accessing the network using the account of another student or teacher is strictly prohibited.
- Only software that has been authorized by the GECDSB or created by students in class with teacher supervision may be installed on a computer network.

Regulations for Acceptable Use of Internet Access

- Students must realize that no messages are to be considered completely private. They are stored on a computer somewhere and subject to the level of security at that site and the network en route to the recipient of the message.
- Students must acknowledge respect for other network resources. In general, the fact that a student CAN perform a particular action does not imply that he/she should take that action.

Regulations for Acceptable Use of Internet Access cont’d

- The use of student accounts must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the GECDSB.

Transmission of or accessing information in violation of Canadian and International laws is prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- copyrighted material
- threatening or obscene material
- information that is protected by trade secret
- commercial advertising
- trying to access protected services on the Internet

For its part, the GECDSB will endeavour to provide a supportive environment in which students may best benefit from Computer Networking and Internet activities.

Students will receive instruction dealing with appropriate uses and handling techniques of computers, appropriate uses of the Internet, Internet searching techniques, electronic mail and online communications, and the proper protocols to be used when accessing electronic computer resources.

Violations

Violators of the Student Acceptable Use Agreement will be dealt with by the principal of the school. Students found in violation of this agreement will face disciplinary action, according to the progressive discipline policies of the GECDSB, which may include:

- suspension from the school computer network
- revoking access to the school computer network
- suspension from school
- paying the cost of any damages/losses resulting from the student’s inappropriate use of the resources
- referral to police

Reminders

- Never share your password.
- Not all information on the internet is accurate, factual and without bias.
- Never share personal information online.
- Never meet up with someone you don’t know.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read the Student Acceptable Use Agreement. I acknowledge that the Greater Essex County District School Board will provide these facilities for educational purposes only and I will not hold the Greater Essex County District Board liable for materials my child may access on the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____