

SADDLE BROOK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCESS

Saddle Brook Middle/High School provides computer use and Internet access for all students, faculty and staff. Internet access is currently obtained through Cablevision, which will soon be superseded by another internet service provider accessed through the school's network. Students must have permission from at least one of their parents or guardians to access the Internet at school.

The use of school computers, the school network, and Internet accounts is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action by school officials and/or the cancellation of those privileges. A student's activities while using computers or the Internet in this school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of the Saddle Brook Public Schools. In addition, a student accessing the Internet from a school site is responsible for all on-line activities that take place through the use of the school account when he/she is using it.

Agreement: Acceptable Use of Computer and Internet Access

I agree that the following actions (which are not exhaustive) constitute unacceptable use of computers, the school computer network, or the Internet, whether that use is initiated from school or any other site:

- Using impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages
- Placing unlawful information on the Internet
- Using the Internet illegally in ways that violate federal, state or local laws or statutes
- Using the Internet at school for non-school related activities
- Sending messages that are likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work or systems
- Sending chain letters or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals, or any other types of use that would cause congestion of the Internet or otherwise interfere with the work of others
- Using the Internet for commercial purposes
- Using the Internet for political lobbying
- Changing any computer file that does not belong to the user
- Sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission
- Knowingly giving one's password to others
- Using another person's password
- Using Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network
- Circumventing security measures on school computers, networks, or remote computers
- Attempting to gain access to another's resources, programs, or data
- Vandalizing, which is any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware or the data of another user either on the computer or on the Internet, and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses
- Falsifying one's identity to others when using the Internet
- Changing any computer files that do not belong to the user.

