

Acceptable Computer Use Policy

Introduction

Sevenstar Academy students and employees make regular use of computers and the Internet. There are fantastic online resources available, and such resources need to be used wisely, and within the spiritual guidelines of the mission of the school.

Acceptable Use of the Internet Policy

Students will access the Internet to complete Sevenstar Academy courses. The policies, guidelines, procedures of location where the Internet is accessed supersede those written by Sevenstar Academy. For example, the policies of a partner school are the ones students at the partner school will follow.

Students and families must be aware that some material accessible via the Internet will contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet that could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. Sevenstar views the parent's role in teaching about Internet resources and protecting the student as being primary.

Outside of the local school, families bear responsibility for the guidance on Internet use, as they do with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, magazines, books, recordings and other possibly-offensive media. Sevenstar suggests purchasing software that helps enforce acceptable use.

Terms and Conditions of Student Use

Etiquette

All users must abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Being polite, and even kind, in messages.
- Using appropriate language.
- Only using the system for educational purposes related to classes taken or taught.

Security and Violations

Access to electronic resources is intended for the exclusive use of its authorized users. Any problems that arise from the misuse of an account are the responsibility of the account holder. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Trespassing in another's work or files
- Giving out any password
- Attempting to login to another user's account
- Failing to notify the supervising staff member of a security problem
- Disrupting the network intentionally
- Using the Internet inappropriately
- Playing recreational games during time you are expected to be doing academy work.

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Consequences of Violations

Any violations of academy policy and rules may result in loss of access to courseware, possible dismissal from the academy (student), possible loss of job (employee). The academy may monitor any users' academy-provided access to the courseware to ensure appropriate use. Such monitoring may include (but is not limited to) monitoring of web sites visited, "chat room" conversations, and e-mail contents. Disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Disclaimer

Sevenstar Academy makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the Internet access it is providing. The academy will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including—but not limited to—loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service. The academy will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on academy servers; nor for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through academy-provided Internet access. The academy will not be responsible for personal property used to access academy computers or networks or for academy-provided Internet access. The academy will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from academy-provided access to the Internet.

Enrollment in a course by a parent constitutes acceptance of this policy and the parent responsibilities.