
Narragansett School System

Responsible Use Policy: Computer and Technology

This policy governs the access and use of all means and methods of communications including but not limited to telephone, voice mail, electronic mail, mail, computers, handheld devices, mobile phones, faxes and the use of the internet, sent by or received by a member of the Narragansett School System (NSS) community (staff, volunteer, students) using NSS communication and computer systems. This policy also applies to the electronic disclosure of student information, such as names, photos or videos. Before access may be obtained, the following policy must be read carefully, signed and returned to the school.

The use of NSS systems is intended for educational use only. Use of these systems for any other reason is prohibited. All information transmitted, received or stored using these systems is the property of the NSS. NSS reserves the right to monitor its systems and content, including all emails. You should not have an expectation that the information in the system, or in any system at NSS or at all connected to NSS, is confidential or private.

You may not use our systems in any way that may be seen as offensive, harmful, insulting or disruptive. You may not use the systems to cyberbully; this includes but is not limited to: sending derogatory, threatening, insulting or harassing remarks, sexually explicit messages, explicit comics/cartoons/jokes or other potentially offensive material, access pornography or other offensive sites, gain access to others computers, steal computer files, or to damage in any way NSS systems or any other system or computer, or junk mail, or other documents not related to school.

NSS prohibits the use of any software or files that violate applicable copyright or intellectual property laws on its systems. You may not store or transmit confidential information that includes the personal information of students or staff such as social security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, etc on any removable storage devices, cloud, or software services.

NSS does not use device location tracking systems. NSS will not remotely activate any device's camera or microphone on a school owned device unless technology support is required or access is ordered pursuant to a judicial warrant or if doing so is necessary in response to an imminent threat to life or safety, and access is limited to that purpose.

Personally owned devices may not access school networks without prior authorization. Any personally owned device that is brought to school is done at the risk of the individual. NSS will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal property.

In accordance with CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act), NSS filters internet content to prevent access to pornography and material that is otherwise inappropriate for minors. However, it is recognized that this filter alone, or any other, is no guarantee that users will not be able to access internet resources which are profane, offensive, obscene, or otherwise objectionable. Students should report accidental access to inappropriate content to a teacher or administrator for blocking.

Receipt of Responsible Use Policy

I understand and will abide by this Responsible Use Policy. I agree that if I violate this agreement, my access privileges may be revoked and I may be subject to disciplinary action including appropriate legal action.

Student Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____