

Technology
Acceptable Use Agreement

The Carrington School District believes Internet access plays an important role in the education of students; however, the Internet also contains content that is not appropriate for students to access. In accordance with federal law, the District has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to materials obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful to minors through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the District has taken such preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee that students will never access objectionable materials.

Education

The Carrington School District shall provide digital citizenship education to students, including appropriate online behavior, interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Monitoring Use

Internet access is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers for students. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure proper and responsible use of the system. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use.

Prohibitions

The Carrington School District subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech. All district computer users shall abide by this policy. The Superintendent, Principal or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:

1. Using obscene language;
2. Accessing or creating pornographic files or sites and/or other inappropriate material;
3. Installing or use of unauthorized games, programs, files or other electronic media
4. Harassing, insulting, threatening, alarming, or attacking others;
5. Damaging technology devices, their systems and accessories;
6. Violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws;
7. Using or participating in social networking sites for personal and/or non-curricular purposes;
8. Using another's password or representing oneself as another;
9. Trespassing into another's folders, work, or files;
10. Intentionally wasting network resources;
11. Employing the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain, and/or commercial purposes;
12. Revealing anyone's personal information such as, but not limited to, an address or phone number without appropriate consent. Students are prohibited from revealing personal information about themselves and/or others without obtaining written consent in accordance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act and receiving administrative approval;
13. Other activities or actions deemed inappropriate and not in the best interest of the Carrington School District, its employees, and students.

Violations

Violation of this policy will, at a minimum, result in the following disciplinary consequences for students:

1. First offense (Level I)
 - a. Loss of mobile device, email and Internet privileges for four weeks
 - b. Parents contacted
2. Second offense (Level II)
 - a. Loss of mobile device, email and Internet privileges for eight weeks
 - b. Parents contacted
3. Third offense (Level III)
 - a. Loss of mobile device, email and Internet privileges for a length of time to be determined by the administration
 - b. Parents contacted
4. A student may be subject to Level III disciplinary action on his/her first offense if administration deems this necessary based on the severity of the offense.

During time of disciplinary consequence, student will be allowed to use mobile device, email and Internet for curricular purposes only when given permission by a teacher or the administration. Violations of this acceptable use policy or any applicable federal or state law, rule, or regulation may also result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students.

Consent

All students must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks and/or computers. By signing this agreement below, users acknowledge that they have read and agree to abide by the provisions of this policy.

User's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if user is a student)