



## ACCEPTABLE USE OF STUDENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Polaris Career Center shall make available to students such information technology facilities as it decides are appropriate to further its educational mission. Polaris' information technology facilities consist of numerous components including computer hardware, multimedia hardware, video equipment, computer software, documentation, communications support, on-line account administration, support services, internet access and instructional materials. This policy applies whenever one or more students utilize Polaris' information technology facilities alone or in combination with other information technology facilities. All technology resources are to be used in a responsible, ethical and legal manner.

Use of the Education Technology is a privilege, not a right. The District's Education Technology, including its internet connection and online educational services, is provided for educational purposes only. Unauthorized and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of this privilege and possibly further disciplinary action.

Students may not use Polaris' information technology facilities for unacceptable uses specifically including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Infringing on the rights or liberties of others, including unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information
2. Illegal or criminal use of any kind.
3. Utilization involving communications, materials, information, data or images reasonably regarded as obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive, harassing, discriminatory, intended to intimidate or bully other users, or in violation of or inconsistent with any other board policy.
4. Accessing, viewing, printing, storing, transmitting, disseminating or selling any information protected by law or subject to privilege or an expectation of privacy.
5. Causing or permitting materials protected by copyright, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade secret, confidentiality or proprietary data, or communications of another, to be uploaded to a computer or information system, published, broadcast, or in any way disseminated without authorization from the owner.
6. Damaging or altering the operation, function, content or design of the Polaris information technology facilities.
7. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems
8. Installing or maintaining any hardware or executable software not owned or licensed by the Polaris Board of Education. This includes software in the public domain and "shareware".
9. Granting access to the Polaris information technology facilities to individuals not authorized by the Board, either by intentional conduct such as disclosing passwords, or by unintentional conduct such as failing to log off.
10. Commercial, profit-motivated, or partisan political use not related to board programs.
11. Accessing personal social networking sites for non-educational purposes.

The Board has implemented technology protection measures, which protect against (e.g. block/filter) internet access to visual displays/depictions/materials that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The Board also monitors online activity of students in an effort to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that determined users may be able to gain access to information, communications, and/or services on the internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes and/or that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Students accessing the internet through the school's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the internet.

The Board has the right, at any time, to access, monitor, review and inspect any directories, files and/or messages residing on or sent using the Board's Education Technology. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Individual users have no expectation of privacy related to their use of the District's education technology.

Students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you identify a potential security problem on the Polaris network, notify a system administrator immediately. DO NOT demonstrate the problem to other users or make any attempt to compromise the data.

**Please complete the following information:**

Student User's Full Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Career Tech Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:**

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines (7540.03) and have discussed them with my child. I understand that student access to the internet is designed for educational purposes and the Board has taken available precautions to restrict and/or control student access to material on the internet that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the Board to restrict access to all objectionable and/or controversial materials that may be found on the internet. I will not hold the Board (or any of its employees, administrators or officers) responsible for materials my child may acquire or come in contact with while on the internet. Additionally, I accept responsibility for communicating to my child guidance concerning his/her acceptable use of the internet - i.e., setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and resources on the internet. I further understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations.

To the extent that proprietary rights in the design of a website hosted on Board-owned or leased servers would vest in my child upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the Board.

Please check each that applies:

I give permission for the Board to issue an Internet/e-mail account to my child.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:**

I have read and agree to abide by the Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy and Guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense and/or may result in disciplinary action. As a user of the Board's Education Technology, I agree to communicate over the internet and through the Education Technology in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions, and guidelines.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers and the administration are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The administration may deny, revoke or suspend access to and use of the Education Technology to individuals who violate the Board's Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related Guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.