NORTHWESTERN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 56-7
INTERNET, COMPUTER, AND TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
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1) Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom, or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

2) The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege - not a right. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of Internet privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3) Users are expected to abide by their generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online.

4) Users are not permitted to use the computing resources for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying, or political campaigning.

5) Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material. Northwestern School currently uses the Deledao program as a filter to block transmission of offensive Web sites and newsgroups. Deledao is considered one of the best devices for this purpose, but no filter can be guaranteed to eliminate access to all undesirable material; that responsibility ultimately rests on the user.

6) Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in cancellation of privileges.

7) Northwestern School will cover damage due to sudden and unforeseen accidental damage to the product, provided such damage was in the course of regular handling and use. Non-intentional liquid spills, drops, and falls, and electrical surge are covered with the payment of the technology fee.. However, certain scenarios are not covered (such as damage due to negligence, reckless, abusive, willful, or intentional conduct associated with handling and use of the product). All damages must be reported to the Technology Coordinator within 30 days.

8) Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. Any use of AI without direct permission from a teacher is prohibited.

9) The use of e-mail is allowed with a state authorized email account. This email account will be monitored and filtered by the state, and may be monitored by Northwestern School administration. All students in grades 3-12 are assigned an E-mail account from the technology coordinator. E-mail may be accessed outside school hours, assuming appropriate conduct by the user. The user has appropriate conduct *or* conducts him/herself appropriately.

10) Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem in the school's computers, network, or Internet connection, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files without written permission is prohibited. Attempts to logon to the Internet as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of user privileges.

11**)** Computer Network Violations

- Attempting to log on to the Internet or network (servers, routers, switches, printers, firewall) as a system administrator.
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing pornographic or sexually explicit materials.
- Installing, enabling, launching, or creating programs that interfere with the performance of the network, internet, or hardware technology resources.
- Creating, uploading, or transmitting computer viruses.
- Attempting to defeat computer or network security.

12) All communication and information accessible via the computer resources shall be regarded as private property. However, people who operate the system may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

13) Use of cameras on any device school owned or student owned is not allowed to be used at any time during school unless permission has been granted by a staff member.

14) Students must use the device they are assigned by the school. Use of non-school devices is prohibited.