

Computer Use Guidelines

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Vision Statement for Gross Schechter Day School's Technology Plan: As a school committed to engaging, empowering and inspiring students, we will seamlessly integrate technology to maximize teacher instruction and individual student achievement, promote efficiency and open communication across all areas of the organization, foster and support Jewish identity, and prepare our students for school and life beyond Schechter.

We are pleased to be able to offer students at the Gross Schechter Day School of Cleveland access to the Internet using the school's computers and laptops. Even though our computers have limited and controlled access, there are times when we need to depend on the responsibility of students.

Use of Gross Schechter Day School's computer systems and equipment will be allowed only for students who act in a considerate, ethical, legal and responsible manner. As the owner of the computer systems, Gross Schechter Day School reserves the right to monitor the use of its computers and systems by students, faculty, staff and others, and the students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) expressly agree and acknowledge that they do not have an expectation of personal privacy.

Access to computers and the Internet is a privilege – not a right.

General Use - Students agree not to:

- View, use, or copy passwords, data or networks to which the student does not have authorization.
- Attempt to remotely control or change settings on any other server, laptop or computer.
- Attempt to change the local administrator password on any laptop or computer.
- Distribute private information about others or themselves.
- Intentionally access, transmit, copy or create material that violates the School's code of conduct (such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
- Intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
- Load any software onto the computer or laptop without specific authorization of the school.
- Load any unlicensed software, materials, or data.
- Load any software, materials, or data in violation of any laws, including laws protecting copyrights and patents.
- Send instant message during School hours.
- Use the computer or laptop for purposes unrelated to school work.
- Place personal information, unrelated to the School, on the computer or laptop.
- Use the computer or laptop for any commercial purpose.
- Damage computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violate copyright laws
- Trespass in another's folders, work or files

Internet Use – Students agree not to:

- Send or displaying offensive messages
- Send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
- Show disrespect to others
- Violate copyright laws
- Harass, intimidate or bully others through electronically transmitted acts i.e., Internet, cell phones, personal digital assistance (PDA) or wireless hand-held devices.

Internet access entails responsibility. All children are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Students expressly agree that they are responsible for rejecting the receipt of any links, web sites, addresses or other electronic material that violate the policies or school rules of Gross Schechter Day School. Students expressly agree that if a particular behavior or activity generally is prohibited by law, Gross Schechter policy or other school rules, use of the computer systems for the purposes of carrying out such behavior or activity is also prohibited.

Violations of this policy may lead to withdrawal of the access privilege and/or disciplinary measures up to and including expulsion from Gross Schechter Day School.