



Technology Acceptable Use Procedures

(Pertaining to [JNDB-Acceptable Use Policy-Technology](#))

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Introduction

The Athol Royalston Regional School District (ARRSD) recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, collaborate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. Our goal is to promote educational excellence by encouraging and facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. We are committed to helping students develop innovative/future-ready and communication skills. To that end, we provide the privilege of access to technologies for student and staff use.

Internet use that is integrated into the school curriculum fosters the development of research and information skills, encourages critical and higher level thinking, and provides expanded educational opportunities for both students and staff. While supporting the rights of students and staff to use all available tools, the Athol Royalston Regional School District recognizes that there is material on the internet that is objectionable or devoid of educational value within the context of a school setting. Athol Royalston Regional School District has taken steps to restrict access to inappropriate or controversial material as it relates to the educational goals of In addition to utilizing an internet content filter, ARRSD staff will closely supervise students' use of the internet.

Although guidelines cannot totally eliminate the possibility of inadvertent or intentional access to such information, we believe that they can significantly limit such possibilities. The Athol Royalston Regional School District believes that the access to valuable resources on the Internet far outweighs the concerns that the users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of ARRSD and we intend to maximize the Internet's educational value.

The Athol Royalston Regional School District will insure that it adheres to the most recent Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements of 2001 by:

- implementing an Internet filter for the purpose of blocking access to visual depictions deemed obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. It may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
- providing for educating minors (in this case 'minors' refer to school aged children up to the age of 17) about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

This Acceptable Use Policy outlines the guidelines and behaviors that all users are expected to follow when using school technologies or when using personally owned devices on the school campus, or in Remote Learning from home including the following articulations of usage:

- The ARRSD network is intended for educational purposes.

- All activity over the network or using district technologies may be monitored and retained.
- Access to online content via the network may be restricted in accordance with our policies and federal regulations, such as the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Users are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline.
- Misuse of school resources can result in disciplinary action.
- ARRSD makes a reasonable effort to ensure users’ safety and security online, but will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from use of school technologies. Users of ARRSD network or other technologies are expected to alert IT staff immediately of any concerns for safety or security.

Technologies Covered

ARRSD may provide the privilege of Internet access, desktop computers, mobile computers or devices, video conferencing capabilities, online collaboration capabilities, message boards, email, and more. This Acceptable Use Policy applies to both school owned technology equipment utilizing the ARRSD network, the ARRSD Internet connection, and/or private networks/Internet connections accessed from school owned devices at any time. This Acceptable Use Policy also applies to privately owned devices accessing the ARRSD network, the ARRSD Internet connection, and/or private networks/Internet connections while on school property. As new technologies emerge, ARRSD will seek to provide access to them. The policies outlined in this document cover all available technologies now and into the future, not just those specifically listed or currently available.

Usage Policies

All technologies provided by ARRSD are intended for education purposes. All users are expected to use good judgment and to follow the specifics as well as the spirit of this document: be safe, appropriate, careful and kind; don’t try to get around technological protection measures; use good common sense; and ask if you don’t know.

Web Access

ARRSD provides its users the privilege of access to the Internet, including web sites, resources, content, and online tools. Access to the Internet will be restricted as required to comply with CIPA regulations and school policies. Web browsing may be monitored and web activity records may be retained indefinitely.

Users are expected to respect the web filter as a safety precaution and shall not attempt to circumvent the web filter when browsing the Internet. The determination of whether Internet based material is appropriate or inappropriate is based on the content of the material, the materials rating/reputation, and the intended use of the material, not on whether a website has been filtered or not. If a user believes a site is unnecessarily filtered, the user should submit a request for website review to their building principal.

Computer and Email Accounts

An “account” typically consists of a username and password and is used to gain access to computer and cloud based resources, but isn’t limited to this format. Using another individual’s account or password is

prohibited. Giving your username and password to others is prohibited. Athol Royalston Public School Staff should not attempt to login to any system or resource as another user. Violation will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Athol Royalston students should not attempt to login to any system or resource as another user, doing so may result in cancellation of user privileges.

Email

ARRSD may provide users with the privilege of email accounts for the purpose of school related communication and should not be used for personal or business activities. Availability and use may be restricted based on school policies. If users are provided with email accounts, the account(s) should be used with care. Users should not send personal information; should not attempt to open files or follow links from unknown or untrusted origins; should use appropriate language; and should only communicate with other people as allowed by ARRSD policy or the teacher. Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. Email usage may be monitored and as a school department, all email communications are archived for seven (7) years.

Technology Specialists who operate the system have access to all mail, including deleted messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. All communications and information accessible via the network should be considered public property; however, the use of another person's intellectual property without that individual's prior written approval or authorization is prohibited. The school district will completely and periodically delete information from the system.

Legal Implications of Electronic Mail (Email)

For the purpose of this policy email is defined as messages created and received on an electronic mail system. The email message may be text or word processing documents, spreadsheets or other data compilations transmitted through such a system.

Email created or received by an employee of a government unit is a public record. In Massachusetts, the term "public record" is broadly defined to include all documentary materials or data created or received by any officer or employee of any governmental unit, regardless of physical form or characteristics. G.L. c. 4, sec. 7(26). Email is therefore a public record and subject to the requirements of the Public Records Law G. L. C. 66. Email messages are subject to public access through the Public Records Law G. L. C. 66. Sec.10. A determination as to whether an email message is exempt from disclosure depends upon the content of the message. G. L.C. 4. Sec. 7(26)(a- m).

Email messages may be sought through the discovery process in litigation and may be admissible in evidence. Like all electronically created and stored records, email is subject to the rules of evidence and a judge will rule on its admissibility. Refer to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Records Division SPR- Bulletin No. 1-99 dated February 16, 1999 for additional information.

Network Use Limitations

ARRSD's computer networks may not be used to disseminate commercial or personal advertisements, solicitations, promotions, destructive code (e.g., viruses, self- replicating programs, etc.), or any other

unauthorized materials. Staff and students may not use the school system's Internet connection to download games or other entertainment software or to play non-educational games over the Internet. Additionally, you may not use the computer network to display, store or send (by email or any other form of electronic communication such as bulletin boards, chat rooms, Usenet groups, etc.) material that is fraudulent, harassing, embarrassing, sexually explicit, profane, obscene, intimidating, unlawful, defamatory or otherwise inappropriate.

Computer resources are not unlimited. Network bandwidth and storage capacity have finite limits, and all users connected to the network have a responsibility to conserve these resources. As such, the user must not deliberately perform acts that waste computer resources or unfairly monopolize resources to the exclusion of others. These acts include but are not limited to, streaming music or videos for non-educational purposes, sending chain letters, spending, playing online games, or otherwise creating unnecessary loads on network traffic associated with nonbusiness-related uses of the Internet.

Wireless "Guest" network access is provided for non-Athol Royalston district devices throughout district buildings. Access to this network is monitored, any violations of the above mentioned statutes can result in the offending device from being excluded from the network.

Social/Web 2.0/Collaborative Content

Recognizing the benefits that collaboration brings to education, ARRSD may provide users with access to web sites or tools that allow communication, collaboration, sharing, and messaging among ARRSD users and the global user community. Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. Posts, chats, sharing, and messaging may be monitored. Users should be careful not to share personally- identifying information online.

Mobile Devices Policy

ARRSD may provide users with mobile computers or other devices to promote learning outside of the classroom. Users should abide by the same acceptable use policies when using school devices off the school network as on the school network. Users are expected to treat these devices with extreme care and caution; these are expensive devices that the school is entrusting to your care. Users should immediately report any loss, damage, or malfunction to IT staff. Users may be financially accountable for any damage resulting from negligence or misuse. Use of school issued mobile devices off the school network may be monitored.

Personally-Owned Devices Policy

Students should keep personally-owned devices (including laptops, tablets, smart phones, cell phones, e-readers, iPod touch) turned off and put away during school hours—unless in the event of an emergency or as instructed by a teacher or staff for educational purposes. Devices are to be used as part of classroom lessons upon teacher approval, and they should not be used in between classes or in the hallways or other common areas. Because of security concerns, when personally-owned mobile devices are used on campus, they must be used over the school network.

All devices are on a use at your own risk policy. The School District is not accountable for loss, damage,

theft, etc.

Please remember, the Acceptable Use Policy applies to privately-owned devices accessing the ARRSD network, the ARRSD Internet connection, and private networks/ Internet connections while on school property. Virus protection for PC's is required.

Users who cannot access the ARRSD network or who may have technical issues with their technology tool need to take care of this issue by working with the user's manual that came with the device outside of the classroom. These are not ARRSD devices and ARRSD is not allocating resources at this time to troubleshoot issues.

Security

Users are expected to take reasonable safeguards against the transmission of security threats over the school network. This applies to all ARRSD and personally owned devices. Do not open or distribute files or programs of unknown or untrusted origin. If you believe a computer or mobile device you are using might be infected with a virus, do not attempt to remove the virus yourself or attempt to download any programs to help remove the virus. Please shut the device down and alert the ARRSD IT Department..

ARRSD IT Department has installed anti-virus on all district computers. It is prohibited to attempt to disable or remove such software. Periodic computer reboots are required so computer anti-virus software functions properly, this is the responsibility of the user of the device.

You are responsible for any misuse of your account (network, email, or otherwise), even if the inappropriate activity was committed by another person. Therefore, you must take steps to ensure that others do not gain unauthorized access to your account. In addition, you may not use your account to breach security of another account or attempt to gain unauthorized access to another network or server.

Your password provides access to your account. Sharing your password and account access with unauthorized users is prohibited. You should take care to prevent others from using your account by keeping your password secure since you will be held responsible for such use. Do not leave an unsupervised computer logged on to the network, lock all devices when not in use.

Software Downloads/Installations

The Athol Royalston School District computing devices have been configured by IT Department Staff. ARRSD users should not download, attempt to download, run or install any programs onto school computing devices without express permission from the Director of Technology. Only software purchased by ARRSD should be installed on ARRSD computing devices, free, pirated, or self purchased software should not be installed on ARRSD computing devices.

Net Etiquette

Users should always use the Internet, network resources, and online sites in a courteous and respectful manner. Users should recognize that among the valuable content online there is also unverified,

incorrect, or inappropriate content. Users should only use trusted sources when conducting research via the Internet. Users should remember not to post anything online that they wouldn't want students, parents, teachers, or future colleges or employers to see. Once something is online, it's out there—and can sometimes be shared and spread in ways you never intended.

Plagiarism

Users should not plagiarize (or use as their own without citing the original creator) content, including words or images, from the Internet. Users should not take credit for things they didn't create themselves, or misrepresent themselves as an author or creator of something found online. Research conducted via the Internet should be appropriately cited, giving credit to the original author.

Personal Safety

Users should never share theirs or anyone else's personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the Internet or other means of communications without adult permission. Users should recognize that communicating over the Internet brings anonymity and associated risks, and should carefully safeguard the personal information of themselves and others. Users should never agree to meet in real life someone they meet online without parental permission. If you see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes you concerned for your personal safety, bring it to the attention of an adult (teacher or staff if you're at school; parent if you're using the device at home) immediately.

ARRSD makes an attempt to protect private information but users who submit personal information online do so at their own risk.

Cyber-bullying

Cyber-bullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyber-stalking are all examples of cyber-bullying. Don't be mean. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else. Engaging in these behaviors, or any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyber-bullying can be a crime. Remember that your activities are monitored and retained.

Cyber-bullying is covered under [Massachusetts state law Chapter 71 sec. 37o](#)

Virtual Meetings

The Athol Royalston Regional School District community expects that all students will be good digital citizens who practice safe, and legal use of technology in a positive way.

It is expected that everyone in each household engaged in a session will respect student confidentiality at all times. As such, no other individual other than the student or guardian should be present during live sessions. It is recommended that participants should present themselves in a space that is as private as possible, and/or with their backs to a solid surface.

In order to ensure that every student in the class can participate and/or view a live virtual session, whole

class sessions may be recorded by the teacher so that it can be accessed at a later time. Or, teachers may record their presentation in advance to provide it to students who cannot attend a live session. Recording of any portion of any session by any party other than the teacher running the session is not permitted. This includes posting excerpts of, or about a session on any form of social media.

ARRSD staff reserves the right to end any student's participation in a live session if their presence, that of a parent/guardian, or any third party or activity, causes a disruption of the educational process during the distance learning session. If live session rights are terminated, ARRSD can determine alternative means to provide the learning opportunity.

Vandalism

Any verified acts of vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, the ARRSD network, computing devices, or other networks that are connected to our system through the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, physical damage, and rogue devices on the network or otherwise.

Privacy

Staff and students are given access to computers and the Internet to assist them in furthering the educational process. Users should have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send or receive using ARRSD's computer equipment. In addition ARRSD through its designees, reserves the right to monitor, examine, evaluate and disclose all aspects of the technology resources and their use.

The Athol Royalston District is committed to protecting private information of staff and students contained within emails or other online transmissions.

While we cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of information within electronic documents, which is public information, the following procedure will help to protect the privacy and confidentiality of such information.

Examples of Acceptable Use

I will:

- Use Technology for School Related activities
- Follow the same guidelines for respectful, responsible behavior online that I am expected to follow offline.
- Treat school resources carefully, and alert staff if there is any problem with their operation.
- Encourage positive, constructive discussion if allowed to use communicative or collaborative Technologies.
- Alert a teacher or other staff member if I see threatening, inappropriate, or harmful content (images, messages, posts) online.
- Use school technologies at appropriate times, in approved places, for educational pursuits.
- Cite sources when using online sites and resources for research.

- Recognize that use of school technologies is a privilege and treat it as such.
- Be cautious to protect the safety of myself and others.
- Help to protect the security of school resources.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technologies

Examples of Unacceptable Use /

will not:

- Use school technologies in a way that could be personally or physically harmful.
- Attempt to find inappropriate images or content; intent to seek inappropriate images or content is a violation of this Acceptable Use Policy.
- Create a personal mobile “hot-spot” or use a “proxy site” for the purpose of circumventing network safety measures and filtering tools.
- Create, distribute or deploy multi-user servers or gaming software on or within the TPS network.
- Use proxy avoidance software, tools, and websites.
- Use remote management software, tools, and websites.
- Use VPN software, tools, and websites.
- Engage in cyber-bullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others.
- Use obscene, inflammatory, harassing, threatening, or abusive language or images
- Try to find ways to circumvent the school’s safety measures and filtering tools; intent to circumvent safety measures and filtering tools is a violation of this Acceptable Use Policy.
- Use school technologies to send spam or chain mail.
- Plagiarize content I find online.
- Post or otherwise disclose personally-identifying information, about myself or others.
- Agree to meet someone I meet online in real life.
- Use language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- Use school technologies for illegal activities or to pursue information on such activities.
- Attempt to hack or access sites, servers, or content that isn’t intended for my use.
- Access materials or use email for nonacademic purposes or for purposes that are not approved by the staff member in charge
- Tamper with data and files being used by others.
- Use school accounts for personal messages, political lobbying, union messages, gambling, or business transactions, advertising, or commercial (offering or providing products or services) activities.
- Use or transmit materials that violates copyright laws

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technologies.

Limitation of Liability

The Athol Royalston Regional School District will not be responsible for damage or harm to persons, files, data, or hardware.

While ARRSD employs filtering and other safety and security mechanisms, and attempts to ensure their proper function, it makes no guarantees as to their effectiveness. ARRSD will not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for unauthorized transactions conducted over the school network.

Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy

Violations of this policy may have disciplinary repercussions, including:

- Suspension or termination of network, technology, or computer privileges;
- Notification to parents;
- Detention or suspension from school and school-related activities;
- Employment disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment;
- Legal action and/or prosecution.

The Athol Royalston Regional School District will provide staff with Internet guidelines and training and support in the appropriate and effective use of the internet. The school system will inform parents about Internet guidelines through the use of letters, school newsletters, and handbooks. Additionally, the Athol Royalston Regional School District will continually evaluate tools and software which can potentially assist staff in implementing guidelines, effectiveness, manageability, and any cost for initial purchase and upgrades will be considered.

**ATHOL ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Staff, students and parents are to read the Athol Royalston Regional School District Acceptable Use Procedures (Pertaining to IJNDB-Acceptable Use Policy-Technology) These documents can also be found on the ARRSD District Webpage. Click [here](#)

User Expectations

I have the Athol Royalston's Regional School District's Acceptable Use Policy and Procedures and agree to abide by their provisions. My commitment to responsible digital citizenship is a critical component in mastering 21st century skills. I understand that violation of these provisions could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action. I also understand the school network and email accounts are owned by Athol Royalston Regional School District Public School that ARRSD that has the right to access any of the information used through the mediums provided through the school at any time. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of the Athol Royalston Regional School District Public Schools, and that use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

Parents/Guardians should read this Acceptable Use Procedure. Parents/guardians should discuss the technology use responsibilities with their children. Questions and concerns can be forwarded to the Athol Royalston Regional School District's appropriate offices.

Parents/ guardians and Staff agree to accept financial responsibility for any expenses or damages incurred as a result of their or their student's inappropriate or illegal activities on the Athol Royalston Public Schools network. Parents/Guardians and staff agree to reimburse the ARRSD Public Schools for any expenses or damages incurred in the use of district owned technology devices.

By signing this document below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Athol Royalston Regional School Districts Public Schools Technology Acceptable Use Procedures (Pertaining to IJNDB – Acceptable Use Policy – Technology) and know I can contact my school principal if I have further questions.

User Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian of student

Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY - TECHNOLOGY

Purpose

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District shall provide access for employees and students to the system/network, including access to external networks, for limited educational purposes. *Educational purposes* shall be defined as classroom activities, career and professional development, and high quality self-discovery activities of an educational nature. The purpose of the system/network is to assist in preparing students for success in life and work by providing access to a wide range of information and the ability to communicate with others. The system/network will be used to increase communication (staff, parent, and student), enhance productivity, and assist staff in upgrading existing skills and acquiring new skills through a broader exchange of information. The system/network will also be utilized to provide information to the community, including parents, governmental agencies, and businesses.

Availability

The Superintendent or designee shall implement, monitor, and evaluate the District's system/network for instructional and administrative purposes.

Access to the system/network, including external networks, shall be made available to employees and students for instructional and administrative purposes and in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures.

Access to the system/network is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all administrative regulations and procedures governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulations and procedures. Noncompliance with applicable regulations and procedures may result in suspension or termination of user privileges and other disciplinary actions consistent with the policies of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

Acceptable Use

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement administrative regulations, procedures, and user agreements, consistent with the purposes and mission of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District as well as with law and policy governing copyright.

Monitored Use

Electronic mail transmissions and other use of electronic resources by students and employees shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated staff to ensure appropriate use for instructional and administrative purposes.

Liability

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The Athol-Royalston Regional School District shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on external networks.

Internet Use Policy

Overview

The Internet is an electronic communications network which provides vast, diverse and unique resources. Our goal in providing this service to teachers, staff and ultimately students, is to promote educational excellence in the Athol-Royalston Regional School District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. There may be some material or individual communications which are not suitable for school-aged children. The Athol-Royalston Regional School District views information gathered from the Internet in the same manner as information gathered from other reference materials identified by the schools. Specifically, the district supports resources that will enhance the learning environment with directed guidance from the faculty and staff. Exploration and utilization of resources is encouraged. However, it is impossible to control all materials on a global network and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information.

In the schools, student access to, and use of, the Internet will be available through a school designated account and will be carried out at teacher direction and monitored as any other classroom activity. Training will be provided. Every school complies with the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act). The school district, however, cannot prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with the educational mission, goals and policies of the school district.

Guidelines

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional networks. The operation of the Internet relies heavily on the proper conduct of the users, who must adhere to strict guidelines. The district staff has the right and obligation to monitor student Internet activities. Internet access is a privilege, not a right. It shall be the policy of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District that every student who uses the District's internet connection shall have on file, at each school that the student attends, the official "Athol-Royalston Regional School District Contract Regarding the Use of the Internet" which is signed and dated by both the student and a parent/guardian. The Principal of each school shall be responsible for adherence to this policy and place such contracts in the student's temporary file. If a district user violates any of the acceptable use provisions outlined in this document, his/her account will be terminated and future access will be denied. Some violations may also constitute a criminal offense and may result in legal action. Any use violating these provisions, applicable state and federal laws, or posted classroom and district policies, is subject to loss of access privileges and any other district disciplinary options.

1) Acceptable Use

- Student use must be in support of education and research consistent with curriculum.
- Student use must be consistent with the rules appropriate to any network being used/accessed.

2) Unacceptable Use

- Unauthorized use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
- Threatening or obscene material is prohibited.
- Distribution of material protected by trade secret is prohibited.
- Use for commercial activities is not acceptable.
- Product advertisement of political lobbying is prohibited.
- Plagiarism is prohibited.

3) Netiquette

- Do not watch when others type in their passwords.
- Be polite.
- Do not use vulgar or obscene language.
- Do not reveal your own home address, telephone #, or telephone # of others.
- Use caution when revealing your school address or e-mail number (or those of others).
- Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private.
- Do not intentionally disrupt the network or other users.
- Abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

4) Security

- If you identify a security problem, notify a teacher/administrator immediately.
- Do not show or identify a security problem to others.
- Do not reveal your account password or allow another person to use your account.
- Do not use another individual's account.
- Attempts to log on as another user will result in cancellation of your privileges.
- Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access.
- The student user must notify their teacher/administrator of any change in account information. The student user may be occasionally required to update registration, password and account information in order to continue Internet access.
- The student user must use school accounts on school grounds.

5) Vandalism/Harassment

- Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data or another user, the Internet or other networks. This includes, but is not limited to, creating and/or uploading computer viruses.
the persistent annoyance of another user or the interference in another user's work. This includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted e-mail.
- Vandalism and/or harassment will result in the cancellation of privileges.

6) Penalties

- Any user violating these provisions, applicable state and federal laws or posted classroom and district rules is subject to loss of privileges and any other district disciplinary options, including criminal prosecution.
- School and district administrators will make the determination as to what constitutes unacceptable use and their decision will be final.

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Athol-Royalston Regional School District will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer, including loss of data. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this Internet connection.

All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to all users of the Internet. These provisions reflect an agreement of the parties and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Massachusetts and the United States of America.