



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

PARENTS and STUDENTS: Please read before signing.

York provides information technology resources to all members of its community for educational purposes and conducting school business. We expect that people will act **honestly, responsibly and respectfully** when using these resources, acknowledging that our core values and school rules apply. The following policies exist to aid the community in clarifying specific situations and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

The school reserves the right to review file server accounts, email messages and general network activity, without warning, and to take necessary steps to ensure the safety and integrity of the community and its technology resources.

All rules stated in this Information Technology AUP apply to privately owned devices when used on the school campus.

1) Prohibited Activities

1. Behavior that is illegal, compromises individuals' safety or privacy, or distracts others.
2. Using another person's York account to log in to campus machines.
3. Accessing or tampering with another person's password, account, files or folders.
4. Installing software applications on York computers without permission from the Director of Technology.
5. Playing computer games on campus machines.
6. Engaging in non-academic bandwidth (internet) intensive pursuits.
7. Any activity that violates the spirit of a safe, respectful and educational community.
8. Cyber-bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

The following is strongly discouraged and prohibited if other students are in need of a computer:

1. Using the York Network for recreational purposes, such as surfing Facebook, YouTube or other such sites, between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

2) Penalties

Abuse of these privileges will be dealt with on an individual basis through standard disciplinary channels.

Penalties for violating these policies include:

- a) Loss of network and computer use privileges
- b) Disciplinary actions, up to and possibly including suspension or dismissal

3) Liability

York has taken reasonable precautions to keep offensive and questionable material from infiltrating the network. Absolute control of all on-line activities is neither possible nor educationally desirable. The ultimate responsibility for appropriate use of the Internet rests in the hands of you, the user. York will not be held liable for unacceptable use, nor for damage or theft of private property.

Agreeing to this policy is required for enrollment at York.

The following student has read and agrees to abide by this Acceptable Use Policy:

Student name (Print clearly): _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____