

SERIES 300 - STUDENTS

Student Rights and Responsibilities - 440

Student Code of Conduct for the Use of Portable Technology (443.5)

As new technologies become available for personal use, they may also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, students will be allowed to bring their own technology devices to school to assist in their learning experiences.

Definition of Technology

For this policy, the term “Technology” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication devices, handheld entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on the school campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones/cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time. Students who access the school district’s network with their own technology must have appropriate anti-virus software installed on their personal device.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District is not liable for any device stolen or damaged while on school property. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that decals and other custom touches are used to physically identify a student’s device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

Student and Parent Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his/her i-pad, lap top, cell phone, smart phone or any other electronic devise while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as well as all board policies, particularly School Board Policy 363.2, Network and Internet Acceptable Use. Furthermore, the student and parent(s) must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his/her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student owned technology.

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- The technology must be in silent mode while on the school campus and while riding the school bus.
- The technology must not be used to cheat on assignments, quizzes or tests.
- The student accesses only files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the technology device.
- The student acknowledges that the schools' network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student understands that bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to alter, damage, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of established district rules and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The student realizes that processing and accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies in a violation of established district rules and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.

Violations of instructional use of student owned electronic technology are subject to disciplinary actions under School Board Policy 447, Student Discipline. Also, included along with the disciplinary measures in School Board Policy 447, is loss of use of student own electronic technology as an option for school district administration in disciplining students in violation of the student and parent agreement.

The student and parent(s) also understand that student owned electronic equipment must only be used for instructional purposes. Non-instructional use (texting, e-mail, etc....) can only be done during the following time frames:

- Before 8:00 a.m.
- Between Classes
- During Breakfast
- During Lunch
- After 3:15 p.m.

Student owned technology will not be allowed in the locker rooms or the restrooms.

If a student violates any part of this policy, they must immediately surrender their personal technology device to the teacher, supervisor, or administrator in charge at that point upon request. Violations of non-instructional use will be:

1st Offense: Student has technological device taken and can pick up at the end of the day in the high school office.

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2nd Offense: Student has technological device taken and parent(s) must pick up in the high school office.

3rd Offense: Student loses privilege of using personal electronic technology for three months.

Adopted:

Cross Reference: School Board Policy 363.2 – Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy
School Board Policy 447 – Student Discipline

District-Provided
Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

Student Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Current Grade: _____

I understand and will abide by the responsibilities, behaviors and consequences defined in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the Wide Area Network and Internet access provided by the Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District. I further understand that any violation of the regulations (NOW School District, AUP, federal and state law) is a breach of this contract, unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked; school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student User Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must also read this Acceptable Use Policy and sign this agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and network access in this document, and **I want my student to have access to the network and the Internet.** I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission to allow individual access to the network for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Yes, I want my student to have access to the network and the Internet.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As the parent or guardian of this student I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and network access in this document. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, **I do not want my child to have access to the Internet.** I understand that it is not possible to guarantee that my child may not observe others using it. I am assured that my child will continue to have access to the network and programs residing within the NOW School District

No, I do not want my student to have access to the Internet.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____