

## Network Code of Conduct

Use of the network, which includes the local Richland School District computer network as well as the Internet, is a privilege - not a right - and entails responsibility. Individual users are responsible for their behavior and communications over the network.

- 1. No use of the system shall serve to disrupt the operation of the network by others.
- 2. Maintain the integrity of data, e-mail, and the network. Modifying or copying files/data of other users without their consent is not permitted.
- 3. Be ethical and courteous. Defamatory, harassing, obscene, or discriminatory remarks in email or other communications are not allowed on the network.
- 4. Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator. Respect copyrights.
- 5. Use of the network shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the mission of the District and shall be used to access only educationally relevant material.
- 6. Protect your account ID's and passwords from others.
- 7. Computer hardware or software should not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way.
- 8. "Hacking" the system or attempts to gain access to unauthorized data, e-mail, accounts, etc. is not permitted.
- 9. The network is not to be used for commercial purposes, financial gain, or any illegal activity.
- 10. Accessing inappropriate Internet sites or materials is not permitted.
- 11. Respect the privacy of others.

The District reserves the right to remove network/Internet access if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating this Code of Conduct or the Student Acceptable Use Policy.