



Digital Citizenship & Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

Saraland City Schools

What 's the point?



- Technological advancements continue to increase.
- The world is becoming more dependent on the Internet for day-to-day activities.
- Examples: checking your bank account, making online purchases, keeping in touch with friends using email or social media
- **Good digital citizenship** > connecting with others, empathizing with others, and creating lasting relationships through digital tools
- **Bad digital citizenship** > cyberbullying, irresponsible social media usage, and a lack of knowledge about how to safely use the Internet

Responsible & Ethical Users of Technology...

1. Have empathy

Because Internet use relies largely on text-based communications, it's impossible to hear someone's vocal tone, see their facial expressions, or understand other non-verbal cues that you get when you're speaking to someone face-to-face. As a result, it's incredibly easy for Internet users to make quick, harsh judgments about someone's statements online. Be careful when replying to someone's posts or comments on social media because misunderstanding of written communication can be considered cyberbullying.

2. Understand how the internet works

The Internet is extremely complex, fast and responsive. From modems, routers, and networks, to providers and thousands of applications, it's almost mind-blowing to consider all of the processes that happen behind the scenes just for someone to check their email.



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3. Understand user data

A “digital footprint” is the mark that someone’s web browser leaves on the Internet. Whenever you go to any website, you’re tracked by software that sees your “footprint.” Then, when you return, that same software matches up your previous footprint with your current website visit. The result is that websites know who you are, how many times you’ve visited their website, and what you’ve done while visiting. Bottom line....**everything you do on the internet can be traced back to you.**

4. Practice digital literacy

Remember not everything you read or see on the internet is factual. Always use discernment when browsing information on the internet and consider the source. There is a lot of FAKE NEWS on the internet.



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5. Acknowledge the Digital Divide

The digital divide is the disparity between those who have access to modern digital tools (like computers and the Internet) and those who don't. This is important to recognize because the Internet is still very much a luxury in the world, even in the United States! Access to computers and the Internet is still restricted by finance in every part of the world, meaning that those in poverty don't have the same level of access as those who have disposable income.

6. Secure their digital devices

Data theft impacts approximately 3 million Americans annually. Always use a lock code on your cell phone and 2-factor identification for email accounts. Keep your passwords in a secure location or app. Do not store them in an app that doesn't also require a passcode to open.



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- All students and employees will be provided with opportunities to access a variety of technological resources.
- All uses of technology will be legal, ethical and safe.
- All users should acknowledge & adhere to copyright laws.
- Email use should be used for educational, instructional, extracurricular or normal administrative activity.
- Students accessing the internet should only use information that is appropriate, beneficial, and/or required for student learning or extracurricular activities.



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- Users will gain access to the internet by agreeing to conduct themselves in a considerate and responsible manner.
- Students must provide written permission from legal custodial parents to use Internet resources.
- SBOE provides technology protection measures that include blocking or filtering Internet access to visuals or text that are obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors.
- Network users are prohibited from accessing external networks or alternate Internet service providers within SCSs internal network ...



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- All school rules and guidelines for appropriate technology use shall apply to use of the Internet.
- All users must engage in appropriate and responsible electronic communications.
- Students posting personal information of any kind about themselves or others is prohibited, such as phone numbers, names, ss numbers, pictures, etc.
- Students should only use their personal devices for educational purposes while on campus.



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- Students are not permitted to transmit or post any photographic images or videos of any person on campus on any public and/or social networking sites without prior approval from a school official.
- Students will only use the school's wireless student network. At no time will the guest network settings be altered for device specific. **Students caught using a VPN will be disconnected from the SHS student wifi network.**
- The schools/systems will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.
- School officials may inspect any personal device when there contents are a violation of policies, or of any local, state, or federal laws.
- Students who misuse the school system's technology will be specified in the Code of Student Conduct.



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THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD DIGITAL CITIZEN AND
USING TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLY!

