



NEW PARADIGM COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

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STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

The New Paradigm College Prep Academy Department provides computers, networks, and Internet access to support the educational mission, to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students. E-mail, network, and Internet access is to be use ONLY for these purposes. The School Team believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient, and appropriate use of this technology.

New Paradigm College Prep Academy computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules. Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may be subject to further disciplinary actions such as suspension depending on the nature of the offense.

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE RULES

These rules implement New Paradigm College Prep Academy policy – Student Computer and Internet Use. The rules are intended to provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities by users. Failure to comply with New Paradigm College Prep Academy policy and these rules may result in loss of computer and Internet access privileges, and/or disciplinary actions.

Computer Use is a Privilege, Not a Right

Student use of the school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary actions. New Paradigm College Prep Academy shall have final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be revoke.

Acceptable Use

Student access to the school computers, networks, and Internet services are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with the school educational mission, curriculum, and instructional goals.

The same rules and expectations govern student use of computers as apply to other student conduct and communications. Students are further expected to comply with these rules and all specific instructions from the teacher or other supervising staff member when accessing the school computers, networks, and Internet services.

Prohibited Use

The user is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving New Paradigm College Prep Academy computers, network, and Internet services and for his/her computer files, passwords, and accounts. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include, but are not limited to the following: sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal.

- **Illegal Activities** – Using the school computers, networks, and Internet services for any illegal activity that violates the School policies, procedures, and/or school rules;
- **Violating Copyrights** – Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission;
- **Accessing Inappropriate Materials** posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit,
- **Copying Software** – Copying or downloading software without the express authorization of the teacher;
- **Non-School-Related Uses** – Using the school computers, networks, and Internet services for non-school-related purposes such as private financial gain, commercial, advertising or solicitation purposes, or for any other personal use;
- **Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access** – Sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission from the teacher and/or accessing other users' accounts;
- **Malicious Use/Vandalism** – Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school computers, networks, and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses; and
- **Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups** – Accessing chat rooms or news groups without specific authorization from the teacher.

No Expectation of Privacy

The school retains control, custody, and supervision of all computers, networks, and Internet services owned or leased by the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectations of privacy in their use of school computers, including e-mail and stored files.

Student Security

A student shall not reveal his/her full name, address or telephone number on the Internet without prior permission from a teacher. Students should never meet people they have contacted through the Internet without parental permission. Students should inform their teacher if they access information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate, or make them uncomfortable in any way.



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Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment Form

Parental Permission Required

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Students and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment Form before being allowed to use school computers.

I have read the Student Computer/Internet Use policy and Student Computer/Internet Use Rules. I understand that my son/daughter's use of school computers is subject to compliance with these rules. I further understand that violation of the policy and/or rules may result in the revocation of computer privileges and may be subject to further disciplinary actions.

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____