

Appropriate Use of Technology

The district is taking an active stand against students who are violating the Students Rights and Responsibilities handbook with inappropriate use of technology.

It is a direct violation to:

- 1. Use any access to bypass iBoss (the Internet filter)**
- 2. Play games that are not educational (Halo, Fortress, etc.) or have them saved on their network home directory**
- 3. Download any program without teacher permission**
- 4. Use another person's password or access their documents**

This greatly affects the districts bandwidth and is the reason for many of the Internet issues we have been experiencing. **The policy that students signed** is on page 20, H Appropriate Use of Technology (see below). It does not matter if the student is playing these games before school or during lunch. They are not educational and inappropriate for school at any time.

H. Appropriate Use of Technology

The Guidelines for Acceptable Use of District Information Systems Document (posted on the District web site at <http://escambia.k12.fl.us> under District Policies, Plans and Guidelines and Information) provides guidelines for appropriate technology usage and specific examples of prohibited technology usage.

All students have permission to access the Internet for educational purposes; to be photographed, videotaped, or interviewed by the news media regarding school-sponsored activities; and to publish school authorized work on the School District of Escambia County web pages. A parent/guardian may deny his/her child any or all of these permissions by proactively requesting, completing, and returning a Denial of Permission Form to the student's school. The Denial of Permission Form is available to a parent/guardian upon request at the student's school. For additional information, refer to the acceptable use guidelines located on the District web site. The uses and behaviors listed below, as well as related behaviors not listed and prohibited uses specified in the Guidelines for Acceptable Use of District Information Systems Document, shall constitute misconduct resulting in appropriate disciplinary action:

- 1. accessing inappropriate materials** including any section labeled adult or restricted to individuals eighteen (18) or older;
- 2. using the Internet for illegal, obscene, or non-educational purposes;**
3. sending, displaying, downloading, or using obscene language or pictures;
4. violating copyright laws;
5. damaging computers, systems, or networks;
- 6. accessing unauthorized computers, systems, files, or networks;**
7. intentionally wasting network or computing resources;
8. employing the network for commercial purposes;
- 9. downloading programs or content without teacher permission;**
10. bullying, harassing, insulting, threatening, or attacking others;
- 11. using another person's password or accessing another person's documents;** or
12. using the Internet for unmoderated chat or e-mail.