



NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 PRIMROSE STREET
NEWTOWN, CT 06470

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
(203) 426-7620
FAX (203) 270-6199

BUSINESS OFFICE
(203) 426-7618
FAX (203) 270-6110

Newtown Public Schools
Responsible Use of Technology Agreement
Grades 5-12

Statement of Purpose:

The Newtown Public School District, as referenced by BOE Policy 8-300, believes that all students should have access to technology when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous, and legal manner. Internet access and other online services, available to students and teachers, offer a multitude of global resources. Our goal in providing these services is to enhance the educational development of our students as digital citizens.

Responsible use of technology, whether provided by district or student-owned, is devoted to activities that support teaching and learning. The following are our agreements about the use of technology in the Newtown Schools.

Terms of Agreement:

The district

- will take reasonable steps to ensure that students use information technology responsibly
- cannot guarantee nor be held responsible for the accuracy of the information students find on the Internet
- utilizes a filtering system to minimize the possibility of a student reaching inappropriate sources
- may review files and messages stored on our servers or transmitted within our network. (File space is comparable to a school locker)

It is important for parents and students to understand the responsibilities that accompany the use of district technology and are listed below.

Students

- must use District provided technologies such as computers, network resources and the Internet **solely** for educational purposes. They must
 - respect the intellectual property of others
 - always cite electronic sources from which information is accessed

Students (continued)

- never intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works)
- must respect the rights of the individual and practice safe behaviors. They must
 - never distribute private information about themselves or others
 - only use their own assigned accounts
 - always maintain the privacy of their own user account and respect the privacy of another's account
 - always report to a staff member any perceived problem with information that someone is giving or asking of them
- must use computers, electronic devices, and the network appropriately. They must
 - never destroy or damage data, networks, or other resources belonging to fellow network users or the school community
 - never disable or circumvent any technology protection measure installed on school technological resources.
 - report inappropriate behaviors and uses to an administrator or staff member including hacking, altering system/network configurations, bypassing Internet content filtering systems and/or the installation of software or hardware without the permission of a staff member
- must respect and practice the principles of community. They must
 - only communicate in ways that are kind and respectful
 - never use technology to harass, humiliate or defame any individual
 - always report threatening or discomfiting respect the rights of the individual and practice safe behaviors.

Consequences:

Inappropriate use of the Newtown Public Schools' network and technology resources may result in loss of user privileges in addition to other disciplinary and/or legal actions.

Reference: BOE policy 8-300



NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 PRIMROSE STREET
NEWTOWN, CT 06470

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
(203) 426-7620
FAX (203) 270-6199

BUSINESS OFFICE
(203) 426-7618
FAX (203) 270-6110

Newtown School District Responsible Use Of Technology Agreement
Grades 5-12

The district will provide an environment consistent with its mission, the requirements of the Connecticut State Board of Education, and federal/state laws, where students can receive the benefits available through the instructional use of technology that will assist them in accomplishing the goals of the district.

Signing below indicates we understand the Responsible Use of Technology Agreement.

Student: _____ **Parent/Guardian:** _____

Printed name: _____ **Printed name:** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Date: _____

Parents of students entering grades 5, 7 & 9 and newly-enrolled students will be asked to complete this form.

Please return this signed form to your child's school.