

P6-05-013 Technology and the Internet

~~Students should use technology and the Internet in an appropriate and responsible manner. Technology is an integral part of a student's educational experience and must be used in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of HCPS. Students are required to bring a fully charged computer to school daily as well as electronic media and/or files required for class. Responsible use of technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, other hardware, electronic devices, software, Internet, e-mail, social media, all other networks, etc. Student use of technology is a privilege. Students are responsible for appropriate use of all computers and technology to which they have access. Obscene, pornographic, threatening, or other inappropriate use of technology, including but not limited to, e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, social media, and use of hardware and/or software which disrupt or interfere with the safety and welfare of the school community, are prohibited, even if such uses take place off school property (i.e., home, business, private property, etc). Altering the pre-set HCPS software image is prohibited. Henrico County Public Schools adheres to the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).~~

Technology and the internet are integral parts of a student's educational experience and must be used appropriately and responsibly, consistent with the educational objectives of Henrico County Public Schools.

All students are responsible for the appropriate use of all technology to which they have access. Responsible use of technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, other hardware, electronic devices, software, internet, e-mail, social media, all other networks, etc.

Obscene, pornographic, threatening, or other inappropriate use of technology, including but not limited to email, instant messaging, web pages, social media, and use of hardware, software, and/or web resources, which disrupt or interfere with the safety and welfare of the school community, is prohibited, even if such uses take place off school property (i.e., home, business, private property, etc.).

Altering or attempting to circumvent the pre-set HCPS operating system device settings is prohibited. All technology provided to students, in the form of devices or software, is the property of Henrico County Public Schools, and students are required to care for them appropriately, use appropriately, and return to the school division when requested.

Henrico takes significant measures to protect students from disclosures of personal information in the virtual world. HCPS adheres to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) provisions and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Additionally, Henrico supports all students and staff with learning experiences and professional learning that build digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. It is ultimately up to each student or staff member to be responsible for their use of these networks and understand the specific policies herein pertaining to the computer, network, and Internet use.

Additional HCPS' student conduct policies regarding Technology and the Internet are contained in the Code of Student Conduct adopted annually by the School

Board and distributed annually to students and parents/legal guardians. The Code of Student Conduct is available online at

<https://henricoschools.us/wp-content/uploads/CodeofStudentConduct.pdf>.

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