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# Acceptable Use Policy

# Introduction

This policy is informed by the vision of Northport Public School Staff and its Board of Education.

## **Digital Citizenship**

I will be a good digital citizen, and can accomplish this by, using technology to make my community better. Engaging respectfully online with people who have different beliefs than me. Use technology to make your voice heard by public leaders and to shape public policy. Determining the validity of online sources of information.

# **Respect Yourself**

I will show respect for myself through my actions. I will only use appropriate language and images on the Internet or on the school website / virtual learning environment. I will not post inappropriate personal information about my life, experiences or relationships.

## **Protect Yourself**

I will ensure that the information I post online will not put me at risk. I will not publish full contact details, a schedule of my activities or inappropriate personal details in public spaces. I will report any aggressive or inappropriate behavior directed at me. I will not share my password or account details with anyone else.

## **Respect Others**

I will show respect to others. I will not use electronic mediums to bully, harass or stalk other people. I will not visit sites that are degrading, pornographic, racist or that the school would deem inappropriate. I will not abuse my access privileges and I will not enter other people's private spaces or work areas. I will respect my peers and teachers by not using technology inappropriately in or out of class.

## **Protect Others**

I will protect others by reporting abuse. I will not forward any materials (including emails and images) that the school would deem inappropriate.

#### **Respect Copyright**

I will use and abide by the fair use rules. I will not install software on school machines without permission. I will not steal music or other media, and will refrain from distributing these in a manner that violates their licenses.

#### **Respecting Technology**

I will take all reasonable precautions to protect my device from damage. I will always keep it with me or in secure storage when appropriate. I will not interfere with school systems or attempt to bypass school restrictions.

#### Acceptance

By signing this agreement, I agree to always act in a manner that is respectful to myself and others, in a way that will represent the school in a positive way. I accept that this policy applies in school and outside school. I understand that failing to follow the above will lead to consequences deemed appropriate by Northport Public School.

Student

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date