

Misuse of Technology Policy



Reason for Policy

The use of technology to send or receive materials of an illegal and/or inappropriate nature is disruptive to the educational environment, dangerous to students' physical and emotional well-being and, potentially, a serious criminal offense.

Policy Statement

The misuse of technology, including but not limited to, sending or post e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs, which contain illegal and/or inappropriate, including sexually inappropriate, content is prohibited on or off school property. Use of school resources to engage in such conduct is prohibited.

A student may be disciplined for such misconduct occurring off school property and without the use of school resources if: (1) the misconduct is a continuation of, or has a nexus with, improper conduct that occurred on school grounds; or (2) the student's actions have a direct and immediate effect on either school discipline or the general safety and welfare of students.

Any inappropriate use of technology that constitutes illegal conduct, including but not limited to transmitting an image in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 617.24 (as amended), or engaging in any act in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 617.26 (as amended), will be reported to a law enforcement agency for criminal action. Any student engaging in such illegal behavior may be recommended for expulsion.

Any inappropriate use of technology that is not illegal but causes significant emotional harm to another student or damage to another student's reputation will be considered a major violation. A meeting with the parent(s) of any student engaging in such an inappropriate use of technology will be held. Any student who engages in such an inappropriate use of technology may be suspended for up to 10 school days and will be expected to develop a restorative behavior plan. Any student engaging in a second major violation involving an inappropriate use of technology that causes significant emotional harm to another student or damage to another student's reputation may be recommended for expulsion. New City School reserves the right to recommend expulsion for a first violation for inappropriate use of technology.

In addition, coercing, intimidating, cajoling, encouraging, failing to report, or otherwise causing or supporting an individual student's decision to engage in an inappropriate use of technology will be considered a serious violation and parents will be notified. Subsequent similar violations may be considered major violations. New City School reserves the right to impose any disciplinary action, including recommendation for expulsion.

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