



Parkway West Career and Technology Center

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Computer, Internet, and Local Area Network Use Policy

Students are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with district policy, accepted rules of network conduct, and Federal and State Law when using the school's computers, networks, and/or the Internet. Prior to being offered access to Parkway's computers, networks, or the Internet, all students and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign a Network/Internet Usage Agreement indicating their acceptance of Parkway's policies regarding such use.

Upon satisfactory completion of the application process and completion of the Network/Internet Usage Agreement students will be issued a computer network/internet access account granting them permission to use the school's computers and networks. Any violation of school policies regarding the use of computers, networks, or the Internet may result in revocation of the computer network/Internet account and/or other disciplinary actions specified in this Handbook. In addition, any computer or network-related communications that have the potential to create a material and substantial disruption of the school's programs, whether initiated at the school, on a student's home computer, or on any other computer not on school premises, may result in disciplinary or legal action against the student.

Specifically, the following uses and attempted uses are prohibited:

1. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
2. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purpose.
3. Use of the network for non-school related work.
4. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
5. Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks, offensive, defamatory, or inflammatory communication.
6. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, or use of copyrighted materials.
7. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material, or other material considered harmful to minors as that term is defined by law.
8. Use of text, audio and/or video web content, email, messaging, blogs, and/or discussion or social groups unrelated to class work.
9. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
10. Use of the network and/or technological means to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords, and data belonging to other users.
11. Impersonation of another user, anonymity, and/or pseudonyms.
12. Use of the network facilities for fraudulent copying, communications, or modification of materials in violation of copyright laws.
13. Loading or using unauthorized games, programs, music, video, files, or other electronic media not specifically installed by Parkway.
14. Use of the network to disrupt the work of other users.
15. Destruction, modification, disconnection, theft, or abuse of computer and network hardware or software.
16. Accessing or attempting to access unauthorized resources.
17. Use of "tunneling", "proxy" and/or other methods to bypass the school's content filtering and network security systems.
18. Disrupting or excessively annoying other computer systems by denial of services, "phishing", "spamming", "spoofing", excessive "pinging", or other techniques.
19. Connection of any unauthorized device or equipment to any computer, printer, plotter, projector, camera or scanner, to the network.
20. Bypassing the Internet blocking filters or software (Proxies).
21. Bypassing or disabling antivirus, antispam, antimalware software.

The Quality Policy of Parkway West School is to deliver Quality instruction to students in career, academic and technical programs and to continually improve the Quality of this service.