

COMPUTER USE

Students will use a variety of information sources including libraries and computers with approved software and the Internet. The primary function of these resources will be to support and extend students' learning experiences as described in the Public School Program of Nova Scotia.

In line with the previous objective, the following guidelines have been established to enhance the learning of individual students while maintaining a safe, functional environment for all to use.

1. Students are permitted to use computer-related equipment when supervised or given permission by a staff member.
2. Only authorized users may have access to computer equipment.
3. No food or drink is permitted in a computer work area.
4. When using a computer, students are directly responsible to any staff member.
5. The use of computers for any illegal activity including the violation of copyright laws is prohibited.
6. Developing or using programs that harass other users, attempt to infiltrate a computer system or alter the software or hardware of a system is prohibited.
7. Using someone else's account or sharing passwords is not permitted.
8. Using a computer or network in such a way that may disrupt or lead to the disruption of the system services, traffic or equipment is forbidden. Disruption includes, but is not limited to, propagation of computer viruses and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other computer or accessories.
9. Game playing both online and local is not permitted unless approved by a subject teacher.
10. Students must obtain permission before printing. Each student will be given a specific allocation of paper to be determined each semester. Additional allocation blocks will be available for a small fee.
11. Each student will be given 3MB of storage space that can be adjusted based on curriculum needs.

INTERNET & E-MAIL USE

The purpose of the Internet is to facilitate communication and research in support of the Public School Program objectives from the Department of Education.

With this in mind, the following guidelines shall apply to Internet and E-Mail use:

1. Students shall only use their school assigned e-mail account. Other accounts such as Hotmail are prohibited from being accessed on school premises. This guideline is in place due to the anonymity factor and the frequency of receiving unsolicited mail while using these commercial accounts.
2. E-mail messages must be polite, respectful and never obscene or obtrusive.

