

8340 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) - FORMERLY KNOWN AS INTERNET AND DISTRICT COMPUTER NETWORK POLICY & REGULATION

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Our mission is to educate every student to become a life-long learner; to foster academic, social, emotional and physical development; to nurture an understanding and respect for all people in a multicultural and multiethnic world; and to promote responsible citizenship in a democracy.

The District believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to educational technologies, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. Technology is more than computers – it is the tools, skills and curriculum required for most effective teaching and learning in our electronic based information and science-oriented society.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers and millions of subscribers throughout the world. The District computer network also connects students and staff. The District computer network is capable of providing collaborative areas designed for curriculum and problem solving in the 21st Century. The purpose of establishing student accounts on the Internet and District computer network is to provide students access to information resources for instructional purposes. The District regards this access as a privilege, not a right. Use of the District's computer network by a student acknowledges that student's acceptance of the District's **Acceptable Use Policy**.

All users (including students, faculty and staff) must follow the District's Internet and District Computer Network Regulation, as well as the District's Code of Conduct. Parents of students **may decline** access for their child to the District's computer resources by annually providing written notice to the District. The District has an **Opt-Out form** that may be used for this purpose. Failure to comply with the District's Internet and District Computer Network Regulation, or the District's Code of Conduct, may result in disciplinary action as well as suspension and/or revocation of access privileges, and/or legal action.

As part of the privilege of access to the District's computer network, the student, as well as the student's parent or guardian, relatives, heirs, estates and assigns, release the District and its employees, officers and agents, from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of or resulting from the student's use, operation or inability to use the District computer network. Furthermore, the student and the student's parents agree to indemnify the District and hold the District harmless from and against any and all claims, proceedings, damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) relating to any acts taken or not taken by the student or material or information transmitted by the student in connection with any use of the District computer network.

Some of the information on the Internet may not be appropriate for student use. Therefore, it is essential for each user to recognize his/her responsibility in having access to vast services, sites, systems and people. In spite of our efforts to establish regulations for the District's computer network, all concerned must be aware that there may be material or communications on the Internet or other networks that District staff, parents and students would find objectionable and may even be illegal. The District cannot filter all inappropriate materials and cannot be held responsible for students' access to these materials. The user is ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing Manhasset Computer Network resources. Just as students learn social codes and behaviors that are acceptable at school, they need to learn the correct procedures and rules for using educational technologies.