Student Computer Access Policies:

It is the intent of Village Charter School to make computer access available to further the learning of students in the district. This resource should be used to enhance the curriculum or assist students in meeting their specific educational research needs.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all district computers that can access the Internet will be filtered. The professional educator in charge shall be responsible for monitoring the computer activities of minors in library media centers, computer labs and other rooms where computers are connected to the Internet to restrict minors’ access to obscenity, child pornography and materials deemed harmful to minors.

Even with filters and adult monitoring in place, it is impossible to control access to all materials on the internet. The district’s instructional materials standards and criteria shall be followed in the selection and use of instructional resources for students. Some users may discover educationally unsuitable information or have access to materials that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially objectionable to some people. Nevertheless, the district believes that the educationally appropriate information and interaction available on the Internet should be available as a resource for students.

The acceptable use policy defines the appropriate use of the computer. In addition, students are personally responsible for following this school’s Code of Conduct and for following the directions of the professional educator or paraprofessional responsible for supervising student use of electronic resources.

The complete Computer Use Policies are available for examination and applies to off campus use of electronic devices as well. Violation of the provisions stated in these policies may result in suspension or revocation of privileges or other disciplinary measures.

Acceptable Use

Responsible students:

- may use the computer to research assigned classroom projects.
- may use the computer to send district approved (not personal or private) electronic mail (e-mail) to other users for adopted curricular purposes.
- may submit personal information (name, address, telephone number, etc.) online to access district approved online resources.
- will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable local, state and federal laws or regulations.
- will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files.
- will follow all regulations posted in the computer lab or other room where computers are in use.
• will follow the directions of the adult in charge of the computer lab or other room where computers are in use.

Unacceptable Use

Responsible students shall not:

• connect any body’s personal electronic device to the District’s network jacks or wireless access points or assist others in doing the same.
• use the system to illegally transfer software otherwise known as pirating or illegally share copyrighted movies, music and games over Internet “peer to peer” networks or removable storage devices.
• use the computer to send broadcast messages, visit chat rooms, instant messaging, or send or receive hot mail, i.e., use the District’s computer connections to establish personal electronic mail (e-mail) accounts or access home e-mail accounts.
• change any computer files that do not belong to the user.
• use the system for commercial buying, selling, trading use.
• use an account other than their own or misrepresent their identity.
• create and/or distribute a computer virus.
• use the system to download, transform or install software or files onto the hard drive(s) or network.
• reveal the name, personal addresses or phone numbers of students or staff without parental and district permission.
• deliberately use the computer in such a way that they would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
• deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment or assist others in doing the same.
• deliberately use the district’s computers to bypass the filtering software or violate the school’s code of conduct or the school’s educational goals or show others how to do the same.
• access obscene, pornographic, or other websites deemed harmful to minors.

Consequences

First Offense: The student will be suspended from computer use for two weeks and may receive an in-school suspension.

Second Offense: The student will be suspended from computer use for one marking period and may receive an in-school suspension.

Third Offense: The student will be suspended from computer use for 6 months and will receive a school suspension. Any offense deemed of a very serious nature may result in an enforcement agencies/and child proactive services.

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Parent Signature                      Student Signature

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