

## 815-7 AR. Acceptable Use

The use of technology, for these purposes know as a Personal Electronic Communication Device (PECD), including, but not limited to: iPads, iPhones, iPods, Tablets, Androids, laptops, desktops, radios, walkmans, cd players, eReaders, any new technology developed with similar capabilities and network facilities shall be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the Pleasant Valley School District as well as the varied administrative and instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of the students.

### I. RULES FOR THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

- a. Network accounts, (google or otherwise), will be used only by the authorized owner of the account for its established purpose. Network users shall respect the privacy of the other users on the system.
- b. Use of PECDs is at the sole discretion of the user. Loss or damage to the device is the responsibility of the user and not the District.
- c. The users of technology at PVSD agree they have the responsibility to act in an ethical and legal manner in accordance with District policy, accepted rules of network etiquette and Federal and State Law. They understand they have the responsibility to read, understand and fully comply with the principles listed below:
  - i. To protect the privacy and property of all others and to refrain from quoting personal communication in a public forum without the original author's prior consent.
  - ii. Not to use PECDs and network facilities for illegal purposes.
  - iii. Not to use PECDs and network facilities for commercial, for-profit purposes, product advertisement or political lobbying.
  - iv. Not to use PECDs or network facilities for hate mail, discriminating remarks, offensive inflammatory communication or offensive language or graphics.
  - v. Not to use PECDs or network facilities to intentionally obtain or modify or delete files, passwords or data belonging to others, nor misrepresent oneself as another individual.
  - vi. Not to issue, abuse, modify or destroy hardware, software and the configuration of the same.
  - vii. Not to download, upload, create or distribute games or programs. Not to view, download, upload, create or distribute pornographic materials under any circumstance.
  - viii. To legally obtain graphic, music and video files under the direction of a teacher to meet instructional needs.

### II. CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

- a. The Pleasant Valley School District has the right to temporarily or permanently revoke privileges to use technologies. Consequences for students will be consistent with the District's discipline policy and may include penalties such as suspension or expulsion.
- b. Illegal use of a PECD or network including intentional deletion or damage to files of date belonging to others; copyright violations or

- thefts of services will be reported to the appropriate authorities for possible penalties.
- c. General rules for misbehavior and communications apply when using the Internet, in addition to the stipulations of this policy. Loss of access and other actions shall be consequences for inappropriate use.
  - d. The PECD user shall be responsible for any damage of the equipment, systems and software which results from deliberate or willful acts. Vandalism will result in cancellation of access privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet or other networks. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
  - e. System security is protected through the use of passwords. Failure to adequately protect passwords could result in unauthorized access to personal or District files. To protect the integrity of the system, the following guidelines shall be followed:
    - i. Employees and students shall not reveal their passwords to another individual.
    - ii. Users are not to use a PECD that has been logged in under another student's or teacher's name.
    - iii. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other technology systems may be denied access to the network.
  - f. To the greatest extent possible, users of a PECDs will be protected from harassment or unwanted or unsolicited communication. Any network user who receives threatening or unwelcome communications shall immediately bring them to the attention of a teacher or administrator.
  - g. A PECD user shall not reveal personal information such as names, addresses or telephone numbers to other users on the network.
  - h. The illegal use of copyrighted software by students and staff is prohibited (P.L. 94-553 Sec. 107). Any data uploaded to or downloaded from the networks shall be subject to Fair Use Guidelines.

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