NETWORK CODE OF CONDUCT

The District Six computer network has been established to give faculty and staff access to current information resources. It also provides instant communication within the district and throughout the world via the Internet. All network users must be aware of and adhere to the district policies and regulations that address electronic information resources.

Policy

The Board of Education supports the use of the Internet to improve learning and teaching through person to person communication, student access to information, research, teacher training, collaboration and dissemination of successful educational practices, methods and materials. The school system's connection to the Internet will provide access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration. Policy IJNDB can be found in its entirely on the District 6 website.

In return for this access, every Internet user within Spartanburg School District Six has the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every other user in the community and on the Internet. Network users are expected to act responsibly, ethically and legally in accordance with the district's Network Code of Conduct, the mission and purposes of other networks accessed on the Internet and the laws of the states and the United States.

Use of the network shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the mission of the district. Users must adhere to the following rules of conduct:

1. Use the network in such a way that your use does not disrupt its use by others.
2. Maintain your personal files and data. Modifying or copying files/data of other users without their consent is not permitted.
3. Be ethical and courteous. Defamatory, harassing or obscene mail or discriminatory remarks are not allowed on the network. Refrain from any cyberbulling.
4. Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator. Respect copyrights.
5. Use the network to access only educationally relevant material.
6. When accessing information that requires a password, protect your password from others and refrain from using the password of others.
7. Refrain from destroying, modifying or abusing computer hardware or software. "Hacking" the system is not permitted.
8. Refrain from using the network for commercial purposes.
9. Respect the privacy of others.
10. Protect yourself by not giving out personal information such as your last name, home address, phone number, or social security number.
11. In accordance with School Board Policy GBEBB, staff should exercise good judgement and maintain professional boundaries at all times when interacting with students. This includes interactions that may take place through social media and/or the internet.

The district reserves the right to deny access to any user if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating this code of conduct.