



Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County Policies and Procedures for our Technology Program

Our goal is to create a professional environment where all students and staff members follow the policies and procedures. We must all be consistent and model the appropriate behaviors.

Computer Lab Rules:

1. No food, candy, or drinks in the lab.
2. No running or horse play.
3. Treat all equipment with respect
4. Leave the lab cleaner than you found it
5. Push in chairs when finished using the computers
6. No backpacks allowed in the labs

Student Behavior Expectations:

1. Follow all computer lab rules at all times
2. Follow staff directions
3. Be respectful to adults and peers at all times
4. Members will not visit inappropriate sites
5. Members will not respond to any unsolicited messages or web sites

Responsible Computer Use Guidelines:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County computer network and Internet access are available to members to enhance their experience and become literate in an increasingly technological world. The following guidelines apply to all users whenever they are using a Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County computer lab.

Educational Purpose:

The technology program for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County has been established for educational purposes limited to classroom activities, educational leaning games and activities, career development and independent scholastic research on appropriate sites. The technology program has not been established as a public access service or public forum.

Unacceptable Uses:

No installing unapproved software

No instant messaging

No personal e-mails during class

No accessing or downloading of inappropriate sites (any site that exhibits violence, sex, inappropriate language and or dress)

If a member accidentally accesses an inappropriate site please do the following:

1. Turn off your monitor
2. Raise your hand and tell the staff member about the problem.

Staff members will have to use sound judgment and discretion. If a staff member thinks in any way that a site is inappropriate, than it probably is.

Illegal Activities:

You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County network or to any other computer system through this network. This includes attempting to log on through another person's account or access another person's files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purpose of "browsing". You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses. You will not use the network to engage in any illegal act, including but not limited to engaging in criminal activity, or threatening the safety of another person.

System Security:

You are responsible for your individual user account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use your account. Under no conditions should you provide your password to another person. You will immediately notify the Unit Director or any other staff member if you have identified or witnessed a possible security problem. Do not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access.

Inappropriate Language:

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages. You will not use unacceptable or disrespectful forms of communication. This applies to verbal, non-verbal and written language, diagrams, photographs, representations, videos or any other form of communication. You will not post information that could cause damage or danger of disruption. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks. You will not harass another person. Harassing is acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If you are told by a person to stop sending messages, you must stop. Knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Respect for Privacy:

You will not re-post a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message. You will not post private information about another person.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement:

You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were your own. You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright without authorization. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the requirements. If you have any questions as any staff member.

Inappropriate Access to Material:

You will not use the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County to access material that is profane or obscene (pornography) that advocates illegal acts or that promotes violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature). If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell a staff member. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated these guidelines or the law.

Disciplinary Actions:

Members who violate the Responsible Use Guidelines may be denied future Internet and/or network privileges for a specified period of time. They may also be subject to other disciplinary measures as set forth by staff from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County. Immediate suspension or expulsion may result in any situation where, in the judgment of the staff, the safety of any individual is at risk.

As a parent or guardian of this child, I have read the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County Responsible Use Guidelines. I understand that access to the Boys & Girls Club networks and the Internet is designed for educational purposes and the Boys & Girls Club has taken precautions to educate members on appropriate educational materials. However, it is understood that no matter how much supervision and monitoring, the club staff can offer, there will always be the possibility of my child coming into contact with inappropriate material, and I will not hold the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County and club staff responsible.

I also give permission to the Boys & Girls Club to post pictures/videos of my child and/or their creative artwork on the Boys & Girls Club website or for use in promotional and marketing purposes.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____