



Chinook School Division Responsible Use of Technology Policy (K-6)

Computers and other technologies can be fun, but there is also a serious side to their use.

The equipment is expensive to buy and to maintain: students need to treat equipment with care and respect. They need to remember that using the computers is a privilege; if they abuse them or use them inappropriately, they will lose that privilege.

They also need to look after themselves. Not all information is available through the use of computers or the Internet is appropriate for students. Also, students need to take care in communicating with strangers over the Internet.

What is Appropriate Use?

For students in grades K-6, **Appropriate Use of Technology and the Internet** includes only work which has been assigned by a teacher or approved by a teacher.

How Do I Know What's Inappropriate Content?

The Students' Over-the Shoulder Rule: If you would not be comfortable with a parent watching what you are doing over the shoulder and a teacher over the other, then you probably shouldn't be doing it. If you accidentally stumble upon content/information that you feel is inappropriate, tell your teacher or another school employee immediately.

How do I Ensure that My Personal Safety?

Protecting yourself on the Internet is not all that different from protecting yourself in real life. To ensure you own personal safety, you should:

- YNot give out any personal contact information, for yourself or anyone else. This includes your address or phone number.
- ☆ Not agree to meet with someone you have met online without your parent's prior approval. Your parent(s) should accompany you to any such meeting.
- YPromptly tell your teacher, your parents, or other school employee any message/contact you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Personal Responsibility - A Message to Students:

When you are using the school's computer system, you may feel like you can easily break a rule and not get caught. This is not really true. Even if it were true, you need to remember that there will always be one person who knows that you did something wrong - you. The way you make use of the computers in the school says something about the kind of person you are. The purpose of this policy is to help you make the right decisions - for your own good.