GCCISD Digital Expectations

A guide to student online safety and responsible use.

Student Online Responsible Use Policy

- Practice safe, legal and responsible use of information and technology.

- Abide by Copyright Law and the Fair Use Guidelines.

- Keep all passwords private.

- Do not allow others to use your login credentials.

Online Offenses Have Consequences

Unacceptable Behavior (Offenses)

- Sending, displaying, or accessing offensive messages, sexually explicit pictures, or websites.
- Using obscene language.
- Violating copyright laws, or engaging in plagiarism.
- Harassing, threatening, or attacking others – cyberbullying.

Consequences

- Conference with student, parent, teacher, and administrator to assess and correct the problem.
- Student assigned detention, in-school suspension or other disciplinary measure may take place.
- Loss of iPad or computer access privileges.
- Legal action such as criminal prosecution.

Online Etiquette

- CC: and Reply-All with care.

- Be respectful of other people's opinions.

- Use appropriate language; swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs are prohibited.

- Obscene messages or pictures are prohibited.

Online Communication

- Only post what you are comfortable with others seeing.   Think before posting pictures and videos. What is posted on the Internet <u>will</u> be viewed by others.

- Once you post it, you can't take it back.

- You should never impersonate someone else. It is wrong to create sites, pages or posts that appear to come from someone else.

Limit What You Share

- Privacy is a must!

- Don't hesitate to block people you do not feel comfortable with.

- Passwords are meant to be <u>private</u>. Do not share your passwords.

- Use Privacy Settings – Do you really need <u>everyone</u> to know where you are at all times?

- Create a safe screen name. NEVER use your real name or your email address. Do not include your age, gender or where you live in your screen name.

WWW public space privacy

Student Code of Conduct

- What it says...
  - Students are responsible for their ethical and educational use of the computer or device.
  - All policies and restrictions of online services must be followed.
  - Transmission of any material which is confidential, copyrighted, threatening or obscene is prohibited.
- Students violating the Student Code of Conduct will face <u>disciplinary action</u>.
- Violators may face criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the district.

Trust Your Gut

- If something inside you just doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

- If you feel threatened or uncomfortable because of something or someone online, tell an adult you trust! There are also links on most sites for users to report abusive, suspicious, or inappropriate behavior.

What Does Your Online Reputation Say About You?

- <u>Think</u> before you post. Protect your reputation.

- Don't be a bully or engage in threatening behavior.

- Keep it clean.

- Inappropriate posts could keep you from being accepted into the college of your choice or from receiving a scholarship.

- Inappropriate posts could keep you from getting your dream job.

  - Many employers ask for your social media (Facebook and Twitter) account information as a way of checking to see if you are a potential hire.

Golden Rule of Social Media

- If you wouldn't want something said about you, don't post it about someone else!