



Acceptable Use Policy for VHS Learning Students



The VHS Learning site and systems shall be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the organization, the administrative rules for using the system, and according to our policies. Communications using system resources will be considered publications and will be governed by administrative policies and policies regarding publications.

Users are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while using our systems. Staff and student access to the Internet is used with the understanding that some material that can be accessed on the Internet may be inaccurate; and that some resources may contain material that is deemed contrary to prevailing community standards or inappropriate for classroom use. Access to such resources will not be permitted. If such inappropriate material is inadvertently encountered, it shall be the user's responsibility to disengage immediately.

Responsibilities: Access to systems is a privilege extended to staff, students, and other users for the purpose stated above. Users have the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of other users in the community and on the Internet. Users are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner, in accordance with stated policies, in conformance with the purposes of the other sites, and in compliance with state and national laws. A user who commits a violation may have his/her access privileges revoked, as well as whatever other disciplinary action may be assigned by both local and VHS Learning administrators.

Usage Guidelines: All use of our systems will be consistent with the purpose as stated above. This policy does not attempt to describe all required behaviors by users of the system. In any specific situation, we rely upon individual judgment of appropriate conduct. To assist in such judgment, the following guidelines are offered:

- Any use for illegal purposes, or in support of illegal activities, is prohibited.
- Any use for political, religious, or commercial purposes is prohibited.
- The use of electronic mail in any manner that is contrary to stated policy is prohibited.
- Any use that disrupts the educational and administrative goals of VHS Learning is prohibited.
- Any use of our systems or accounts by anyone but the authorized owner of the account is prohibited. Sharing account credentials is prohibited.
- Any reproduction of copyrighted material without explicit permission is prohibited.

Privacy: System storage areas may be inspected at any time. System administrators or other appropriate staff may review communications to maintain integrity system-wide and ensure that users are using the system in a responsible manner.

Illegal Copying: Users should neither download nor install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the System Administrator or other appropriate staff; nor should they copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.

Inappropriate Language: No profane, abusive, impolite, or inappropriate language should be used to communicate within our systems and/or on the Internet.

Inappropriate Materials: Access or upload of material that has been deemed inappropriate for educational use is prohibited. Should users encounter such material by accident, they should disengage. Students should report such encounters to their teacher immediately. In addition, creating and/or uploading any material that is inappropriate for educational use (text, video, images or other) is prohibited.