



'O'ohie pau ka 'ike i ka hualau hio'okali

Connections Public Charter School

Connections PCS Computer Usage Policy

Connections' students have use of technology, including computers, the computer network and electronic media. We have a computer lab on the second floor of the Kress Building, computers in the K-2 and 3-5 classrooms and at the high school. The computer is a tool to help students learn and only appropriate uses are allowed. The use of the computer is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. All student computer users are expected to abide by the Connections PCS Computer Usage Policy. The policy is reviewed by all students at the beginning of the school year and is reviewed as necessary throughout the year. It is a policy that every staff member in the school uses, and enforces, with every student, without exception. We are proud of our students and expect only the best from them. This policy allows them to fully understand just what it is that we expect, and what the consequences will be for those who fail to follow the rules that have been established for using the computers at Connections PCS.

The following rules will apply:

Physical vandalism is prohibited. Examples of physical vandalism include, but are not limited to the following: taking the tracking ball out of the mouse, disconnecting wires on the back of the computer, tearing off labels and other attachments, carving or marking anything onto the computer.

Electronic Vandalism is prohibited. Examples of electronic vandalism include, but are not limited to the following: opening/changing/deleting files, sending threatening e-mail, changing desktop patterns, or sound, downloading executable files or applications. Software, text files, graphics, and other information available via the Internet may not be downloaded without permission from the teacher.

Users are prohibited from doing anything that would degrade the performance of the school's computers or communication equipment, including but not limited to deliberately crashing a computer or the computer network. Students may not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the system or to any other computer system through the state system, or go beyond authorized access.

Computers are to be used for curricular purposes only. Non-curriculum uses, such as game playing, or playing music CD-ROMs, is not allowed. Sending threatening or harassing material or transmissions, material that contain language or graphics inappropriate for school use or vandalism of equipment used for transmission of data is not allowed. ***Accessing inappropriate materials on the Internet is prohibited.*** The Internet is available as a media resource; students may access only those resources, which pertain to the mission of Connections PCS.

Transmission, installation, or downloading of materials in violation of a copyright is prohibited.

The consequences for failing to follow the Computer Use Policy

The first time a student chooses not to follow the Computer Use Policy will result in loss of classroom and computer lab use for two weeks. A second offense will result in loss of classroom and computer lab use for the remainder of the school year. Connections PCS Disciplinary Guidelines may also be used to determine other consequences for specific violations of the Computer Use Policy.