

Sample Network Etiquette

As an online student, you are expected to follow the rules of network etiquette or netiquette. The word "netiquette" refers to common-sense guidelines for conversing with others online. Please abide by these standards:

- Avoid sarcasm, jargon, and slang. Swear words are unacceptable;
- Never use derogatory comments, including those regarding race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, political persuasion, body type, physical or mental health, or access issues;
- Focus your responses on the questions or issues being discussed, not on the individuals involved;
- Be constructive with your criticism, not hurtful;
- Review your messages before sending them. Remove easily misinterpreted language and proofread for typos;
- Respect other's privacy. Don't broadcast online discussions, and never reveal other student's email address or phone number.

Online Rules and Code of Conduct

The following Rules and Code of Conduct have been created to provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment:

- Follow all of the Network Etiquette rules;
- Follow Computer Equipment/ Internet Usage Rules;
- Practice Academic Integrity;
- Do not publicly post your personal contact information (address and phone number) or anyone else's;
- Do not publicly post any messages that were sent to you privately;
- Use only your own username and password, and do not share these with anyone except your academic advisor;
- Do not impersonate another person;
- Do not post material that is obscene or defamatory or which is intended to annoy, harass or intimidate another person. This includes distributing "spam" mail, chain e-mail, viruses, or other intentionally destructive content. This also includes the profile picture that is selected by the student/parent for the Online High School system;
- Do not promote the use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of tobacco, drugs or alcohol;
- Threats against students, adults, or school staff will not be tolerated;
- Solicitation of any kind is prohibited.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STANDARDS MAY RESULT IN TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT REMOVAL OF USER ACCESS. Following state and federal laws, administration reserves the right to discipline a student through a behavior plan, suspension, and/or expulsion and to report illegal activities to appropriate law enforcement.

Students eligible for protections under IDEA and Section 504 are subject to the same disciplinary procedures.