



Montessori Academy
of Chambersburg

A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Internet and Computer Resources Policy

The purpose of providing Internet and computer resources to the students of Montessori Academy is to support research and educational activities. The use of these resources is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action.

Students are permitted to use the internet for educational purposes related to school assigned topics and are expected to exercise responsible behavior when using equipment and conducting research.

Students and parents must agree in writing to our policy annually before computer resources are made available.

In accordance with Montessori philosophy, we expect the internet will be used safely and in ways that will not cause damage to any individual. Students will be instructed in expectations for the safe and responsible use of internet and technology resources.

Student Owned Electronic Devices

Students are permitted to use their personal electronic devices for educational purposes during class at the discretion of the teacher.

- Student owned electronic devices will be used only for legitimate educational purposes.
- Student owned devices are not to be used during lunch, while waiting for the bus or in the walker line, during any emergency drills, in any instructional setting without permission, or during assemblies.
- The student must use the Academy's Wi-Fi network. Under no circumstances may a student by-pass the network to use the device's carrier.
- The student owned electronic device is never to be utilized for purposes of copying, plagiarism, or cheating.
- Students choosing to bring electronic devices into the school surrender the right to keep private any content on the device.
- The Administration reserves the right to take any personal electronic device brought to school from the student until the end of the day or until a parent can pick it up.
- Students are solely responsible for the electronic device they bring to school. Montessori Academy does not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of any educational device brought to school by a student.

Inappropriate Use of Electronic Devices

Inappropriate use of both school and student owned electronic devices includes but is not limited to the following actions:

- deliberately abusing or altering the network or computer hardware or software
- viewing or downloading unacceptable material
- unauthorized sharing or accessing the account of another student
- using abusive, vulgar, or inappropriate language via computer resources
- entering any chat room
- cyber bullying
- using a student owned technology device during class or instructional environment without prior permission from the teacher
- playing unauthorized games
- accessing social media sites
- delivering or showing inappropriate content
- downloading or uploading of applications
- audio/video recording or photographing of any person on school property without teacher or administrator permission
- vandalizing school computers or electronic devices
- use of student owned electronic devices on school busses, unless permitted by the driver

If students accidentally view unacceptable material, they should immediately close the window and report the incident to a teacher or administrator. Students are obligated to report violations of this policy, including violations of the policy by another student.

A violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions outlined in the Standards of Conduct Policy and/or Bullying and Harassment Policy. In the case that a student shares, accesses, or initiates violent, sexual, or other inappropriate content, the administration will immediately discuss appropriate disciplinary actions.

Montessori Academy Acceptable Use Policy: Declaration of Understanding and Adherence

I have read and fully understand Montessori Academy’s Acceptable Use Policy. I understand access is designed for educational purposes and that Internet access at Montessori Academy is not censored or filtered by technical means. I have discussed the terms of the authorization with my child and accept full responsibility for his or her actions while using the Academy’s technology and Internet access. I hereby authorize my child to access the Academy’s technology and Internet.

Student’s Name

Student’s Signature

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

Date