

Regional School District 13
Durham/Middlefield, Connecticut

September 2011

Dear Parents,

Regional School District 13 is able to enhance your child's education through the use of computers and other instructional technology. As a student in the District, your child has access to school computers, networks, and Internet services. With this technology, your child will be able to gather information, learn concepts, and research subjects from a wide variety of sources.

With this educational resource comes responsibility. It is extremely important that you and your child understand and follow the rules and ethics that govern technology use. Attached is an abbreviated version of the District Technology Code of Conduct. The full version of the Technology Code of Conduct is contained in the parent/student handbook that is distributed to every student.

Misuse or abuse of Internet access or network accounts will result in loss of access and/or other disciplinary actions including suspensions and expulsions and referral to law enforcement.

The District has in place a filtering system to restrict access to undesirable sites. However, in spite of our best efforts to provide a wholesome educational environment and to establish regulations for Region 13's computer networks, please be aware that the possibility exists that your child could access some information that you think is inappropriate for his or her viewing.

Please read and discuss with your child this cover letter, the Technology Code of Conduct, and the Information Sheet. You must inform your child's building principal in writing no later than September 9, 2011, if you do not want your child to access the Internet while at school AND/OR if you do not want your child's work/photo to appear on a school webpage.

With responsible student use and with the home and the school working in partnership, our technology resources, computer networks and the Internet will be valuable learning tools.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Viccaro
Superintendent