

# Acceptable Use Policy for Perspectives' Electronic Networks

This Policy governs students' use of Perspectives' electronic networks ("Network"), which includes Perspectives' computers, Perspectives' local and/or wide area network, and access to the Internet through Perspectives' computers or its local and/or wide area network. Use of the Perspectives electronic network also includes any use of computers outside Perspectives' electronic network that are used to access Perspectives' electronic network. Additionally, use of Perspectives' electronic network shall include use devices used to access the Perspectives electronic network, including, but not limited to cellular or mobile phones, smart phones, and text messaging devices. Any electronic communications or files created on, stored on, or sent to, from, or via the Network are the property of Perspectives. Consequently, students do not have any expectation of privacy with respect to such messages and files.

Students will be given access to the Network in order to work on class assignments. Because of the wide variety of valuable and less-than-valuable websites on the Internet, this section serves as an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for users of the Network. By using the Network, users have agreed to this policy. If a user is uncertain about whether a particular use is acceptable or appropriate, he or she should consult a teacher, supervisor, or other appropriate staff.

## Unacceptable Uses of the Computer Network or Internet

These are examples of inappropriate activity on the Network. This list, however, is not exhaustive. Perspectives Charter Schools reserves the right to take immediate action regarding activities (1) that create security and/or safety issues for the Perspectives students and employees, or (2) other activities, as determined by Perspectives as inappropriate.

- Using the Network in a manner that violates any provision of Perspectives' Discipline Code;
- Criminal activities that can be punished under law;
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances;
- Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites; spamming; spreading viruses;
- Causing harm to others or damage to their property, such as:
- Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials;
- Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email;
- Damaging computer equipment, files, data, or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting, or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance;
- Using any Perspectives computer to pursue "hacking," internal or external, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws; or
- Accessing, transmitting, or downloading large files, including "chain letters" or any type of "pyramid schemes."
- Engaging in uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into others' accounts or other computer networks, such as:
- Using another person's account password(s) or identifier(s);
- Interfering with other users' ability to access their account(s); or

- Disclosing anyone’s password to others or allowing them to use another person's account(s).
- Using the Network for commercial purposes:
- Using the Internet for personal financial gain;
- Using the Internet for personal advertising, promotion, or financial gain; or
- Conducting for-profit business activities and/or engaging in non-government related fundraising or public relations activities, such as solicitation for religious purposes, lobbying for personal political purposes.

**Student Internet Safety**

- Students under the age of eighteen should only access Perspectives accounts outside of school if a parent or legal guardian supervises their usage at all times. The student’s parent or guardian is responsible for monitoring the minor’s use Students should not reveal on the Internet personal information about themselves or other persons. For example, students should not reveal their name, home address, telephone number, or display photographs of themselves or others
- Students should not meet in person anyone they have met only on the Internet; and
- Students must abide by all laws, this Acceptable Use Policy and all Perspectives security policies.

**Penalties for Improper Use**

The use of a Perspectives account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the loss of Network privileges. Misuse may also lead to further disciplinary and/or legal action for students, including suspension, expulsion, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. By signing this agreement, I understand that unacceptable uses of Perspectives technology resources may result in the suspension or cancellation of computer privileges, disciplinary measures, as well as monetary and/or legal consequences.

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Print Name of Student

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Print Name of Parent

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Signature of Parent

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Print Name of Staff

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Signature of Staff

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Date

Student Campus:

- Perspectives Rodney D. Joslin
- Perspectives Math and Science Academy
- Perspectives Leadership Academy
- Perspectives High School of Technology
- Perspectives Middle Academy