



Chilliwack School District Acceptable Use Agreement

Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Chilliwack School District embraces the use of information technology and the Internet in providing powerful tools for personalized learning. These tools offer staff and students a rich variety of communication, information, and resource opportunities to use within the K-12 educational framework. In addition, the developing availability of mobile technology devices within Chilliwack School District offers unique possibilities for individualized learning. To this end, information technology has been provided within the school district to facilitate safe, ethical, and appropriate use by staff and students. The Board of Education of Chilliwack School District is committed to providing access to information technology such as the Internet in an approach that balances resources, access, safety, and security to ensure the highest availability of the limited facilities as possible.

A. Procedures & Acceptable Use

- Use is acceptable when it is legal, ethical and upholds the goals and standards of the Chilliwack School District, and when it respects the rights of other users and considers the impact of their conduct on others.
- Prior to being allowed access to district information technology, users must submit a completed Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and in so doing acknowledge the purposes, benefits and risks associated with the use of this resource. All users of the district information technology must read and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy as a condition of receiving and maintaining access. Access to Chilliwack School District information technology is only made available so long as the user complies with the Acceptable Use Policy.
- The district technology department on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools will determine what is deemed inappropriate use as per the acceptable user policy, and report any infractions to the appropriate supervisor for action.
- This Acceptable Use Policy is applicable to all students of the Chilliwack School District for the current academic year.

B. Educational Focus

- Information technology provided by Chilliwack School District is intended for educational uses. All other uses are prohibited.
- Use is acceptable when it is consistent with the goals of the Chilliwack School District, and when it respects the rights of other users and considers the impact of their conduct on others.

C. Access to Resources

- The use of the Chilliwack School District information technology resources is a privilege, not a right.



- Information technology uses that violates or attempts to violate, the security of the system, terminate or impede network or computing resource access, or subvert or attempts to subvert other systems is prohibited.
- Students may access Chilliwack School District information technology when specifically authorized by school district staff.
- The Chilliwack School District may limit the use of district information technology resources to balance availability with need.
- The Chilliwack School District may examine network accounts at any time without notice to the account holder to ensure compliance with district policies.

D. Personal / Mobile Devices –

- Personal or mobile devices are allowed to access Chilliwack School District information technology resources after the mobile device has been approved for use by the district.
- Student personal or mobile devices are allowed to be used on Chilliwack School District when permitted to do so by district staff.
- Personal or mobile devices whether owned by student or district and connected to Chilliwack School District information technology resources or not must be used in compliance with all parts of the Chilliwack School District student Acceptable Use Policy and a signed Mobile Device Agreement must also be in place.
- Personal or mobile device access to Chilliwack School District information technology resources may be limited to balance availability with need at the discretion of the district.

E. Social Networking –

- Students may only post content within the rules and restrictions put in place by a school or teacher, or by government legislation such as the British Columbia Freedom of Information and Personal Privacy Act (FOIPPA).
- Students may not post or send any personal information that may be damaging, threatening or dangerous to themselves or to others.
- Social networking may only occur within Chilliwack School District provided or approved systems.
- Staff members choosing to use internet-based tools to share and collaborate are required to adhere to “SD#33 Social Media Guidelines” documentation.

F. Privacy / Safety

- Users are prohibited from sharing their passwords with any other user, or permitting others to use their access accounts. Account holders are responsible for all activity within their account.
- Use of the Chilliwack School District information technologies is neither private nor confidential, and may be monitored or reviewed by the Chilliwack School District without prior notice.
- Users must be aware of and actively protect their own personal safety while using the Chilliwack School District information technology.



G. Copyright / Fair Use / Plagiarism

- When accessing and using information from Internet, users must not engage in any forms of plagiarism.
- Users must respect all copyright laws that protect intellectual property such as software, artistic work and writing.
- Users must observe and respect materials provided for “fair use” by copyright owners.

H. Limitations / AUP Enforcement

- The Chilliwack School District makes no guarantees about the service it is providing through this System and the School District will not be responsible for any damages that may be incurred.
- The Chilliwack School District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through district information technology.
- Account holders are responsible for all activity within their accounts.
- In addition to all components of this Acceptable Use Agreement, all Canadian laws or school rules must also be observed and respected.
- Interpretation, application, and modification of this Acceptable Use Policy shall be within the sole discretion of Chilliwack School District.

I. Possible Consequences of Unacceptable Student Use

- Loss of information technology access privileges.
- Disciplinary action through either school or district code of conduct.
- Financial liability for damaged equipment.

This Acceptable Use Policy functions concurrently (at the same time) as other enforced Acceptable Use Policies. In no way does this Chilliwack School District Acceptable Use Policy override, circumvent, or negate any other school or district Acceptable Use Policies.

The Acceptable Use Policy shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia. Each party irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia, in connection with any action to enforce the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy, to recover damages or other relief for breach or default under the Acceptable Use Policy, or otherwise arising under or by reason of the Acceptable Use Policy.

The Chilliwack School District reserves the right as final authority on all aspects of the use of district information technology.