

Acceptable Use Policy For Technology Assets and Services

In order to expand and facilitate teaching and learning, St. Croix Preparatory Academy (SCPA) supports the use of school-provided technology assets and services, including but not limited to computers, mobile labs, laptops as well as access to the Internet and other electronic information, programs, textbooks, services, and networks (collectively, the “SCPA Technology Assets and Services”). SCPA’s goals in providing the SCPA Technology Assets and Services to students are to stimulate creativity and innovation; encourage communication and collaboration; promote research and information fluency; support critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making; and teach digital citizenship.

Access to the SCPA Technology Assets and Services is a privilege and not a right. In making decisions regarding student access to the SCPA Technology Assets and Services, SCPA will consider its educational mission, goals and objectives. Any inappropriate, unauthorized or illegal use of the SCPA Technology Assets and Services may result in cancellation of some or all privileges and will result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion and possible referral to law enforcement.

Access to SCPA Technology Assets and Services

At school, students utilizing SCPA Technology Assets and Services must first have the permission of and be supervised by SCPA’s professional staff. Students utilizing SCPA Technology Assets and Services are responsible for appropriate behavior, just as they are in a classroom or any other area of the school. The same general rules for behavior and communications apply.

The following uses of SCPA Technology Assets and Services are **not** permitted. This list is not exclusive and should be used as a guideline for appropriate use.

- To access, upload, download or distribute pornographic, obscene or sexual explicit material;
- To transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit or threatening language;
- To violate any local, state or federal statute;
- To vandalize, damage or disable the property of another individual or organization, including SCPA’s networks and systems;
- To access another individual’s materials, information or files without permission;
- To violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission;
- To attempt to gain access to server information not open to the public;
- To use private or free e-mail services, except for approved use as directed by the faculty or administration;
- To use chat rooms or instant messaging, except for approved use as directed by the faculty or administration;
- To use access for political or commercial purposes;
- To allow any person other than the account holder to use the student’s SCPA account;
- To reveal identifying information (name, age, address, phone #, photo, parents’ names) for yourself or another without your teacher’s permission;
- To engage in any use that disrupts the educational or administrative goals of SCPA.

SCPA makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the SCPA Technology Assets and Services it is providing. SCPA will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in services. SCPA also will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through school-provided Internet access. Further, SCPA will not be responsible for personal property used to access school computers or networks or for school-provided Internet access. Finally, SCPA will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from students’ use of SCPA Technology Assets and Services.