



Simcoe County District School Board

Student Guest Wireless Network

Terms and Conditions/Acceptable Use Agreement

Introduction

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) wireless network access, for non-board owned equipment, is available to students. The wireless network provides students with an internet connection point for personal devices that are to be used for educational purposes during the school day. Access to and use of the network through personal devices shall be compliant with the terms of this agreement.

This agreement sets out the terms and conditions of access to and use of the wireless network access for personal devices (herein referred to as the “Guest Network”), including acceptable and appropriate use and is between you (herein referred to as the “student”) and the Simcoe County District School Board (herein referred to as the “SCDSB”). This agreement provides access to the wireless network only. Students at no time have permission to connect to the local area network (LAN) using a cable of any sort.

Access to the Guest Network is a privilege. The SCDSB in its sole discretion may deny Guest Network access at any time.

Definitions

Non-board devices – personally owned electronic equipment that has the capability to connect to a wireless network

Responsibility and Conditional Use

Use of the Guest Network shall be in accordance with this agreement, the SCDSB Code of Conduct and the Acceptable Use Guidelines found in the student agenda.

It is the responsibility of every student to know these guidelines, their responsibilities and to conduct their activities accordingly. Violation of this agreement may result in the removal of access privileges, or student discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion. The SCDSB will offer full co-operation with law enforcement agencies in connection with any investigation arising from a breach of this agreement or violation of any laws.

Questions regarding the terms and conditions of this agreement may be referred to your school principal.

The student shall be granted access following confirmation from a parent/guardian that this agreement has been reviewed, and the student has successfully completed an online test component. The student shall be responsible for:

- 1) Protecting their password by securing it and not sharing it with others under any circumstance; and

2) Protecting their personal devices against loss, or unauthorized access at school.

Students may not use the Guest Network or assist or allow the Guest Network to be used for any abusive purpose or in any way that damages the Simcoe County District School Board property or interferes with or disrupts the Network, the SCDSB network or other students.

Termination and Account Suspension

The SCDSB in its sole discretion may revoke Guest Network access privileges at any time without prior notice.

The SCDSB reserves the right to limit bandwidth usage on a per connection basis.

No Liability for Content

Every reasonable effort is made to block access to inappropriate content on the internet, however, some content, products or services available with or through the Guest Network may be offensive to you or may not comply with applicable laws. You assume total responsibility and risk for access to or use of any such content and for use of the Internet. The SCDSB assumes no liability whatsoever for any claims or losses arising out of or otherwise relating to access to or use of such content.

Risk Management

The SCDSB will not assume any responsibility for any charges that may be incurred as a result of use. Any damage that is caused to the network as a result of a failure to properly secure your personal device may result in the loss of access privileges. In no event will the SCDSB be responsible for any loss of data or damage to any hardware, software or files, caused by or resulting from your use of the Service. It is the student's sole responsibility to create data backups.

Loss or Theft

The SCDSB does not accept responsibility for the theft, loss or destruction of any personal devices while at school. Students are responsible for securing their equipment at school and if they feel they are unable to adequately do so, shall not bring their personal devices to school.

Protection of Your Privacy and Security

The SCDSB will not be responsible for any corrupted data, files or viruses which affect your personal devices. It is your responsibility to safeguard your system, through appropriate means, against unauthorized use or system corruption. Anti-virus and security protection is the responsibility of the student. SCDSB strongly recommends the use of up-to-date anti-virus, anti-malware, operating system patches and firewalls.

The SCDSB cannot ensure or guarantee the privacy of any information you choose to transmit through use of the Guest Network. It is strongly recommended that students do not use the Guest Network to transmit personal, financial or legal information.

Technical Support

The student is responsible for setting up their equipment to access the Guest Network. The SCDSB is not responsible for any changes you make to your personal devices and cannot

guarantee your hardware will work with the Guest Network. Information Technology Services staff does not provide technical assistance with Guest Network access.

Appropriate Use

Appropriate use shall be as set out in this agreement and under the following conditions:

- Harassing or abusive language or actions, whether verbal, written or otherwise, is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- You are prohibited from using the Guest Network for activities that include, but are not limited to:
 - peer-to-peer file sharing programs (i.e. Limewire), torrent programs (i.e. Bit Torrent, Vuze) or any other file distribution software;
 - transmitting any messages which cause significant disruption or complaints from other internet users (for example, sending SPAM, viruses, inappropriate emails);
 - harassing students or groups in any way including but not limited to defaming, abusing, bullying, stalking, threatening or otherwise violating the legal rights of others;
 - impersonating other students, staff, user, or the Guest Network in any way;
 - uploading or downloading, transmitting, posting, publishing, disseminating, receiving, retrieving, storing or otherwise reproducing, distributing or providing access to information, software, files or other material which:
 - (i) are confidential or protected by copyright or other intellectual property rights, without prior authorization from the rights holder(s);
 - (ii) are defamatory, obscene, pornographic or hate literature; or
 - (iii) constitute invasion of privacy, appropriation of personality, or unauthorized linking or framing.
 - transmitting, posting, receiving, retrieving, storing or otherwise reproducing, distributing or providing access to any program or information constituting or encouraging conduct that would constitute a criminal offence or give rise to civil liability;
 - violating or breaching any applicable laws and/or regulations.

Network / Security

In addition to the general terms set out above, you are prohibited from using the Guest Network for activities that include, but are not limited to:

- sharing your password;
- causing an internet host to become unable to effectively service requests from other hosts;
- running and/or hosting server applications (for example, website, mail or proxy servers);
- analyzing or penetrating an internet host's security mechanisms (i.e. hacking);

- forging any part of the TCP/IP packet headers in any way;
- committing any act which may compromise the security of any of the SCDSB network.

Authorization

By signing the permission letter sent home from the school and you acknowledge that you and your child:

- 1) have read and understand the terms of the agreement;
- 2) accept and agree to be bound to the terms and conditions contained in the agreement; and
- 3) understand that it is your choice to bring your personal devices.

Students are required to complete an on line component to reinforce the information and intent of this agreement.

Students and parents/guardians will have the opportunity to renew this agreement annually.