

Remote Learning

Ethical Use of School Technology

As our district works through this difficult time with remote learning taking place. It is helpful to remember guidelines for ethical use of these resources and proper behavior in the digital world.

The Basics

It all comes down to four basic principles:

Act kindly

toward others, giving everyone, including students and teachers, the opportunity to learn and teach.

Commit yourself

to your work, doing your work diligently and honestly.

Follow school rules

when working on school work, no matter where or how you do that work.

Consider others

when working with them, whether “live” online or not.

Ethical Behavior

- a. Users are responsible for following District rules and guidelines and state and federal law in their use of technology.
- b. Users will respect the ownership rights of work, ideas, or products and comply with plagiarism, copyright, and/or piracy laws. No illegal copying is permitted. Citing sources of information is expected.
- c. Users will not use technology devices for any type of academic dishonesty.

School Technology Resources

Technology resources provided by Maumee City Schools, including software and hardware, are owned and monitored by our district. This not only includes devices like Chromebooks that are issued to students, but also the Google accounts created for students. Each time a student uses their district-issued account, they are using a school resource. This activity is monitored by our technology department. Keep in mind that all district-issued Chromebooks are used through a student or employee Google account and that all activity is thereby monitored. In addition, any activity through the student account on another device, including tablets, phones, and computers, is also monitored.

Privacy and the Recording of Class Activity

Live work through digital tools, such as videoconferencing, still falls under state, federal, and district laws and guidelines on privacy. Any violation of school policy regarding the sharing of this activity may constitute a breach of state or federal law. Students and families are encouraged to keep the safety and privacy of all students in mind when engaging in online work.

To address privacy concerns, student recording of live class-related activity is prohibited. Students may not record any live activity with other students when that activity is for the purpose of school-related work unless express permission is provided by a school official. In cases where a teacher may wish to record a class lesson, she or he will do so and make that recording available only to the students in the class. This posting will happen through secure means. Any sharing of that recording by anyone other than a school official is prohibited as well. We also advise parents to make sure their child is dressed appropriately if the teacher is engaging in lesson delivery where your student may be visible to the teacher and/or other students.

Academic Dishonesty

Opportunities for academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, are more abundant in a remote learning environment. Students and families must consider a couple of points when considering the consequences of academic dishonesty. The same disciplinary consequences are used with remote learning as they are in the classroom. Teachers stand ready to assist struggling students, especially in a remote learning situation. Reaching out for help instead of engaging in academic dishonesty is better for all concerned.