The Pleasant Valley Community School District believes an important aspect of student preparation is access to technologies which enhance learning. The goal of providing technology resources is to promote educational excellence by facilitating teaching and learning, research, production, innovation, communication, and collaboration. Parents who do not want their child to have access to the technologies provided by the district must provide written notification to the building principal. Non-internet activities will be assigned to the student to complete work using a different modality.

The use of technology resources must be in support of the district’s educational objectives. Access to various technology resources is available to users for academic-related purposes unless written notification is provided to building administration by parent/guardian. A ‘user’ includes, but may not be limited to the following: student, faculty, administrator, staff, volunteer, support personnel.

Beginning in grade four, students will be issued email accounts via the district’s Google domain, which will allow email to be sent only within the Pleasant Valley domain. Communication will be accessible by the student’s teacher at all times. The District reserves the right to review or monitor, with or without prior notice, the content of electronic communication for any reason, including but not limited to retrieval of information, investigation or resolution of network or communications problems, prevention of system misuse, ensuring compliance with policies for use of third-party software and information, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requests and enforcement of this Policy. The District also reserves the right to review, inspect the content of, and monitor all information residing on all computers and file servers for such purposes.

At various times, information distributed by the Pleasant Valley School District and its employees may suggest educational web sites to assist students and parents with research, homework, curriculum enrichment or general information. These sites are not part of the district web site and are not under district control. The school district makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. When on these sites, it is possible to be directed to other sites that are no longer educational in nature or have commercial banners or advertisements. The Pleasant Valley Community School District does not endorse any commercial materials that may be advertised on any website. The Pleasant Valley School District is not responsible for the privacy practices of these outside sites. Although suggested sites have been evaluated, it is recommended that users read the individual privacy policy statements of each website when they leave the Pleasant Valley School District’s website. While on district resources, a student or employee may encounter information which may not be of educational value.

Student and employee Internet activities will be monitored by the school district to ensure inappropriate sites that might include material that is sexually explicit, profane, obscene, harassing, fraudulent, racially offensive, defamatory or otherwise unlawful or harmful to minors. The school district will use technology
protection measures to protect students and employees. People who utilize the district’s technology resources are expected to abide by the principles of digital citizenship which are part of the curriculum.

Access to cell phones/mobile devices is given to students for academic-related purposes. With that access come certain responsibilities and obligations. Students will not use their cell phones/mobile devices in any way that disrupts the student learning environment of the school. Students’ phones/mobile devices must be silenced during the school day. Any disruption by cell phones/mobile devices will result in discipline action and may result in parental involvement and the phone/mobile device being searched.

Examples of unacceptable use of cell phones/mobile devices includes but not limited to the following:

- Taking pictures in restroom or locker rooms with cell phones/mobile devices
- Taking any picture of a student/staff member without their knowledge and consent
- Using the cell phone/mobile device to cheat on assignments/tests
- Using the cell phone/mobile device to harass another person
- Using a cell phone/mobile device during class time without the stated permission of the classroom teacher
- Using a cell phone/mobile device in any manner which is contrary to school rules and expectations

Disciplinary action for unacceptable use of cell phones/mobile devices may include detentions, suspensions, parental involvement and referral to the Scott County Sheriff Department.

Prosecutors will charge individuals who secretly watch, photograph or digitally record others who are nude or partially nude with “invasion of privacy.” This violation is classified as a serious misdemeanor in a court of law.

Students who violate the rules and policies of digital citizenship stated in the student handbook, will be subject to the actions specified to the violation. These actions range from a verbal warning to expulsion.
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