

MONTGOMERY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: COMPUTER USAGE

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No. 815. COMPUTER USAGE	
1.Purpose	As part of the Computer/Technology Curriculum the issues of piracy, copyright, hacking, and fraud issues shall be addressed at all levels, K-12, consistent with the ability of the students to know, and understand. The curriculum should reinforce the principles of ethics, citizenship, fairness, and honesty in computer and software usage.
2.Definitions	<p><u>Hacker</u> Someone who attempts to get into a computer system without authorization.</p> <p><u>Phreak</u> Someone who tries to find out and use illegally phone numbers that don't belong to them, charging up tremendous bills to someone else. Often a "hacker" uses "Phreak" tactics to enter a computer.</p> <p><u>Pirating</u> The act of illegally attempting to copy a copyrighted software program.</p> <p><u>Joyriding</u> Term used to represent someone who "hacks" into an authorized system and gains entry into different parts of the system.</p> <p><u>Phone Fraud</u> Using unauthorized phone numbers and placing calls against that account.</p> <p><u>Back Door</u> Expression used by programmers that represents a way to get around a security system on a computer.</p> <p><u>Network</u> A series of computers that are tied together through cable or phone lines.</p> <p><u>Modem</u> A device that allows a computer to transmit information on a telephone line.</p>
3.Guidelines	<p>Students will be considered in violation of the approved code of conduct if they are involved in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unauthorized entry into a file, either to read or to change information. 2. Unauthorized transfer of files.

3. *Unauthorized use, destruction, or tampering of another individual's, company's, or school's computer account or work.
4. Use of computer facility to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or school district operation.
5. *Unauthorized entry into a network, timeshare, or on-line system onsite or in remote locations.
6. *Use of computers or computer facilities to send or create obscene, abusive, or threatening messages.
7. *Illegal account use.
8. *Irresponsible use, willful destruction, negligent action, or disabling or damaging any computer facilities, equipment, or software.
9. *Theft of equipment, time, services, or software belonging to the school, faculty, community, a business or corporation, or another student.
10. Exceeding either the printing or computing allocation by an excessive amount.
11. Printing large quantities of blank or nearly blank pages on the printer.
12. *Duplicating, selling, trading, of software or manuals with a copyright.
13. *Unauthorized use of school equipment or software for private financial gain.
14. Nondisclosure of improper events, such as accidentally viewing passwords and not reporting it to the appropriate authority.
15. Attempting to break into a system, discover a security code, number, or password, or circumventing a security or copyright scheme.
16. Passing security information on to others.
17. Attempting to undermine or thwart any computer related rule, procedure, security measure or common sense courtesy.

*In addition to school disciplinary action criminal prosecution may be initiated.