

Eastern Townships School Board - Digital Rights and Responsibilities

Eastern Townships School Board's technology resources are made available to students to help them with their learning. The use of these resources is a privilege that requires responsible behaviour on the part of students. The full *Policy on Telecommunications, Network and Technology Usage* is available on the Eastern Townships School Board website at www.etsb.qc.ca.

Digital citizenship can be defined as the norms of appropriate and responsible behaviour with regard to technological use. There are rights and responsibilities that go hand in hand with being a good digital citizen. The rights and responsibilities listed below apply to all users of the Eastern Townships School Board network.

As a good digital citizen:

I have the **RIGHT** to:

- learn and work in a safe, healthy and respectful environment
- use the school board network and equipment for educational purposes
- be respected as an individual
- express opinions, ideas and feelings, while keeping in mind the rights of others
- have my digital identity and image protected from unauthorized use

I have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- contribute to a positive culture of learning
- use ETSB equipment, as well as personal devices, in an appropriate, responsible and respectful way
- protect my private life and personal information and that of others;
- respect others and their right to privacy
- practice safe, appropriate, legal and responsible use of information technologies and ethical use of intellectual property
- engage in technology use for educational purposes

- report any action interfering with a safe learning environment to the appropriate authority

- take care of my device

I recognize that using the ETSB technology resources (including the equipment and unrestricted access to Internet) is a privilege and I am aware that the School Board, with grounds to do so, may access any information and content I have stored on technology services provided by the School Board (e.g. devices, cloud storage, local network, etc.) and that I cannot consider these files confidential in this context. Should I fail to meet my responsibilities as a digital citizen, I may lose my privilege.

The intellectual property of online educational material (such as a teacher’s oral teaching content, written document, project content, etc.) exclusively belongs to ETSB. I acknowledge that if a teacher or someone working for ETSB wishes to record an online interaction with me, he will verbally notify me. If I want to record an online interaction with a teacher or someone working for ETSB, I must first obtain his or her authorization to do so. I understand that all recording or diffusion of images, videos or material without express consent from my teacher or ETSB may result in the loss of my privilege and other sanctions may apply.

Access to recordings produced during distance learning remains confidential and these recordings can only be used for the purposes for which they were produced. Only students intended for these recordings will have access to them and they will be destroyed after their final use.

Furthermore, in the context of digital rights and responsibilities, the following are examples of inappropriate use that may cause loss of privilege: cyberbullying; posting, publishing or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexual, threatening, racially offensive, sexist or illegal material.

I understand my rights and responsibilities with regard to the use of the technology resources made available to me.

<i>Student's name</i>	<i>Student's signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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As a parent or guardian, I have reviewed the ETSB’s Digital Rights and Responsibilities with my child. I understand that a failure to respect his or her responsibilities may result in his or her loss of access privileges as well as disciplinary sanctions.

<i>Parent/Guardian's name</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian's signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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