

Great Lakes Science Center

Technology and Internet Usage Policy



Technology is an important component of a 21st century education. At Great Lakes Science Center, we are fortunate to have many resources available for students. But with privilege comes responsibility. It is important that you and your parents understand your responsibilities around technology at GLSC. Faculty and staff monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and uphold museum policy.

Additionally, staff may use this information in camp disciplinary proceedings and may also furnish evidence of any suspected crime to law enforcement officials. In other words, there can be very serious consequences for misbehavior involving technology. The acceptable use policy and rules detailed below will guide your successful use of technology.

The Great Lakes Science Center information technology resources, including computers and internet access, are provided for educational purposes. It is easy with a single click to share more information than you intended with a wider audience in a permanent way. Please be cautious about what information you decide to share. Never feel pressured to offer information you do not wish to share.

Accordingly, you are required to follow the rules set forth below.

AS A GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER CAMPER, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MUST:

1. Respect and agree to the GLSC technology code:

- You will communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
- You will report any threatening or inappropriate communications, posts and other materials to a counselor.
- You will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create vulgar or indecent material (such as messages that are rude, threatening, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, inappropriate or pornographic).
- You will not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (such as stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
- You will not access social networking sites (such as Twitter, Facebook, etc.) while in camp. Any use of cell phones and social media sites at camp is prohibited unless expressly permitted in advance by a counselor.
- You will not waste or abuse school provided computer, network or printer materials (for example, you will not print unnecessary copies).
- You will not waste or abuse school provided internet access (for example, you will not stream video for entertainment purposes).

2. Respect and protect the privacy of others.

- You will use only assigned accounts.
- You will not view, use, share or copy passwords, data, or networks for which you are not authorized.
- You will not distribute private information about others. This includes passwords and personal information such as addresses and telephone numbers. If you believe that someone else knows or has shared private information, you will report that to a staff member immediately.

3. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.

- You will report security risks, and any misuse of computers or computer resources to a staff member. Misuse would include (but is not limited to) unauthorized access to other people’s files or passwords, theft of data, passwords or equipment, vandalism or spreading of viruses.
- You will not destroy, damage or modify data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to you.

4. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.

- You will not infringe on copyrights (for example, making illegal copies of music, games, or movies).
- You will attribute sources appropriately.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS. Violations of these rules will result in disciplinary action, which may include the loss of a camper’s privileges to use Great Lakes Science Center's information technology resources. Further, campers at GLSC who access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the museum's technology policy such as messages that are rude, threatening, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, inappropriate or pornographic will be subject to disciplinary action that may result in expulsion from camp as well as civil and criminal legal action.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATIONS:

student signature

date

printed name

parent signature

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printed name