



HCS Scholars Academy – Use of Technology Policy

1. SA students are allowed to bring and use personal laptop computers to HCS Scholars Academy provided they follow all rules regarding technology use as if they were HCS school property. Also, personal laptops are not the responsibility of HCS Scholars Academy if lost or stolen. The privilege to have a personal laptop at HCS Scholars Academy will be revoked if rules are broken. SA students will have limited access on HCS Guest network. Freshmen are encouraged to use HCS issued devices.
2. Passwords and other electronically recorded data are the property of Horry County Schools.
3. The deliberate production or introduction of a virus onto computer stations and networks is prohibited (and illegal) and will result in disciplinary action.
4. Loading software and/or files onto a school computer by a student without the permission of the school network supervisor is prohibited.
5. Accessing and/or modifying information to which the computer user has not been given appropriate authorization is prohibited.
6. Accessing social networking sites, GAMING SITES, or sites with inappropriate content is strictly prohibited while at school. This includes access from school computers, personal computers, and personal cell phones.
7. Any form of cyberbullying is strictly prohibited and will result in discipline action. This includes inappropriate contact via computers or cell phones to any fellow student at school or from a location other than school.
8. Modifying passwords without appropriate authorization is prohibited.
9. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with the use of computer systems will have his/her computer access severely limited.
10. Vandalism of computer hardware will result in disciplinary action. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, deliberately erasing data and/or files, placing foreign objects such as paper clips in disk or CD-ROM drives, removing or altering placement of keyboard keys, damaging removable drives.
11. Any student who alters, damages, destroys, or modifies a computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, or data contained in such computer, computer system, computer program, or computer network is in violation of the Computer Crime Y/N Act [Section 16-16-20 of the Code of Laws of S.C.] and will be prosecuted accordingly. See the Horry County Schools Parent Student Handbook for more complete information on this law or consult the online version at the Horry County Schools website (www.horrycountyschools.net).