

VPN Information

The computer provided to you is owned by Chippewa Valley Schools. When you use this district device, you agree to follow the district's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) at school and at home. The AUP states "I will not use proxy sites, download VPNs, or do anything else to bypass the district filtering" and that breaking the rules of the AUP can lead to disciplinary action.

VPNs are not allowed to be downloaded and used on district devices for several reasons:

1. **Ensuring a Safe Digital Environment:** Our filters block access to content that may be harmful or inappropriate, fostering a secure online environment for students. VPNs can bypass these filters, allowing access to restricted content, which goes against the school's objective of safeguarding students from unsuitable material.
2. **Monitoring for Educational Use:** It's essential for schools to observe internet usage to guarantee it is for educational purposes. VPNs hide users' activities, making it difficult for schools to monitor and regulate internet use effectively. This can lead to inappropriate use of internet resources.
3. **Maintaining Network Security:** Allowing VPNs can pose security risks to the school's network. Installing VPN software from unreliable sources may expose the network to malware or other security threats. Additionally, connections to insecure VPN servers could jeopardize sensitive information.
4. **Optimizing Network Resources:** VPNs demand a large amount of network bandwidth, which can reduce the network's overall performance. Excessive VPN use can slow down internet access for all users, impacting educational activities.

Adding VPNs or Using Proxy Sites

Adding VPNs, using proxy sites, or anything that bypasses the district's filtering system is strictly prohibited. Any student found to be in violation of this expectation will face the following consequences:

- First Offense – The student will receive a warning and will retrieve the device, once its original settings have been restored. A parent will be contacted.
- Second Offense – A detention is assigned, a parent will be called, and the student will retrieve the device, once its original settings have been restored.
- Third Offense - An after-school detention is assigned, and the parent will be required to pick up the device, once its original settings have been restored.
- Fourth Offense - The student will receive a one-day suspension, and the student will be limited to school use of the device after the original settings have been restored
- Fifth Offense – The student will receive a two-day suspension and lose access to the device.