

Instruction

Acceptable Use of the Internet

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.**

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use - Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the District.
2. Privileges - The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The Superintendent will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time; his or her decision is final.
3. Unacceptable Use - The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
 - a. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulation;
 - b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
 - c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
 - d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
 - e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
 - f. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - g. Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - h. Using another user's account or password;
 - i. Posting material authorized or created by another without his/her consent;
 - j. Posting anonymous messages;
 - k. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
 - l. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abuse, obscene profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offense, harassing, or illegal material; and
 - m. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
4. Network Etiquette - The user is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in messages to others.

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- b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or use any other inappropriate language.
 - c. Do not reveal the personal addresses or telephone numbers of students or colleagues.
 - d. Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
 - f. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
5. No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the users' errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
 6. Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of these procedures.
 7. Security - Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify a security problem on the Internet, the user must notify the Superintendent. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
 8. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
 9. Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Contract Authorization for Internet Access

I understand and will abide by the above *Acceptable Use of the Internet*. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use, or inability to use the Internet.

I further authorize the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents to keep and maintain logs and records and to monitor my use of the Internet. I understand that all materials, including data files, are the property of the School District, are not private, and are subject to inspection by school officials at any time.

(Please Print) USER'S NAME: _____

USER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Required for student users)

I have read the *Acceptable Use of the Internet*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, from any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the Internet. I accept fully responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and any agents from any claims and damages arising from my child's use, or inability to use the Internet and agree to indemnify and hold said parties harmless for any action taken against them resulting from the use of the Internet by my child. I further authorize the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents, to keep and maintain logs and records and monitor my child's use of the Internet.

Any unauthorized charges incurred by my child will be my responsibility and not a responsibility of the School District.

I understand that all materials, including data files, are the property of the School District, are not private and are subject to inspection by school officials at any time.

(Please Print) PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____