

COMPUTER USE AND USER AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS

The Internet is an international association of computer networks. Governments, schools, universities and industry are some of the diverse contributors to the Internet. Access to the Internet and e-mail will permit our students a number of educational and research opportunities they would not otherwise have. Unfortunately, the Internet also contains content that many consider offensive. It is the belief of the Marion County School District that the benefits outweigh negatives. It is also the belief of the district that the district should teach responsible use of the Internet as a necessary skill for the student to prepare for his/her future. The district will do all it can to keep students from accessing inappropriate material.

The district will issue computer accounts to all high school students for computer and technology resources.

The district will also provide Internet access to its students. However, there are limitations on how these resources may be used.

With this in mind, the district wishes to ensure that all users understand the following.

The following will apply to student use of district technology resources including, but not limited to, Internet and e-mail.

- Students should have no expectation of privacy of his/her communications, messages or files accessed on or through district provided computer resources. Network administrators can and will monitor all aspects of the system and if misuse of the computer resources is found, disciplinary action will be taken.
- All data contained within district systems is the property of the district.
- Students should be aware of any policy changes or updates.
- Students are responsible for understanding security guidelines and maintaining the security of the systems they are using. Therefore, each student is responsible for activity conducted under his/her username and password. Each student must use only his/her assigned username and password when using district resources. Under no circumstances should a student ever tell or give out his/her password or allow anyone else to use his/her account.
- Any attempt to circumvent system security, guess passwords, or in any way gain unauthorized access to any computer network or the Internet, is forbidden. Students are to report any observed violations of or attempts to violate district security to a computer lab operator.
- Students using district computer systems may not move, repair, reconfigure, modify or attach any external devices to the system or to an individual computer.
- First priority for computer use will be for class assignments. Second priority will be for students who have an educational need. Recreational use will be limited. The district may impose time restrictions on use of the Internet to assure equity of use.
- Network administrators will filter content and may impose time restrictions on the use of Internet and e-mail.
- Students will use the Internet and e-mail under staff supervision. Those supervising have the authority to order a student to stop use at any time.
- Chat lines are prohibited.
- Students are to print only with permission and should be selective when printing. Students are to print one copy and have additional copies made on the photocopiers.
- Use of the Internet through the district network for commercial or financial gain is forbidden.
- No student will make rude or hostile references to race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, national origin, health or disability of another individual or group. Abusive or profane language is prohibited.
- Copyrighted or licensed information will be used only with full legal right to do so.
- The district will review alleged violations of policy and procedures on a case-by-case basis. Violations of the policy will result in referral for disciplinary action as appropriate.
- Any unlawful or unauthorized access or use of any district resource may subject offenders to criminal prosecution under federal law or state law.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the requirements set forth above for the types of access I have to district provided computer resources. I understand that any violation of this agreement may result in loss of computer access, disciplinary action or prosecution under federal and state laws.

Student name (please print) Student signature Date Last 4 SSN

_____ I want my student to have Internet Access.
_____ I **do not** want my student to have Internet Access.

Parent/Legal guardian signature Date