

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Terms and Conditions

The Cleveland Municipals School District ("District") offers District students access to the Network and Internet for education purposes. The use of the Network is important to prepare students for life and work in the 21st century. Students are expected to follow all guidelines listed below. Inappropriate use of the Network may result in a cancellation of Internet access, in whole or in part.

Internet Acceptable Uses

The Network is to be used for educational purposes. The following types of access are considered to be appropriate uses:

1. Participating in collaborative efforts.
2. Accessing real-time data.
3. Accessing unique resources.
4. Publishing information and resources.
5. Conducting research.
6. Communicating broadly and effectively.

Internet Unacceptable Uses

The following types of access are considered to be inappropriate uses:

1. Accessing profane or obscene material, material suggesting illegal acts and/or material advocating violence or discrimination.
2. Using any access to commit illegal acts.
3. Attempts to access any resources that are restricted, confidential or privileged.
4. Posting chain letters.
5. Participating in Internet Relay Chat, news groups, or mailing lists unless directed and supervised by a staff member for a classroom assignment.
6. Granting Internet or Network access to unauthorized persons intentionally or unintentionally, or failing to notify a teacher or administrator if you suspect someone of using your password.
7. Posting personal contact information.
8. Agreeing to meet someone online.
9. Attempts to disrupt access or computer functionality of District or any other computers.
10. Causing damage to or changing function, operation or design of the technology.
11. Using obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening language.
12. Harassing another person.
13. Posting false or defamatory information.
14. Plagiarizing information found on the Internet.
15. Disregarding the rights of copyright owners on the Internet.
16. Causing or permitting material protected by copyright, trademark, or confidential data to be uploaded, published or broadcast in any way without appropriate permission of the school administration.

17. Posting Web pages without the consent of a teacher or authorized adult.
18. Downloading large files totaling more than 10MB per user per week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Large files may be downloaded between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the next morning; exceptions to the general limit are permissible with the knowledge and approval of a teacher or an authorized adult)
19. Buying or selling any products or services.
20. Accessing the Internet while in a school through dial-up or other means that bypass the District Internet filters.
21. Using the Internet in school without authorized school personnel.

Internet Filters

The District uses Internet Filtering software to prevent access and downloading of undesirable items from the Internet. Sites that cannot be accessed from a District computer are called "Denied Sites". Sites that can be accessed are called "Allowed Sites". Access can be granted to a denied site and access can be restricted to an allowed site. Such requests must be approved by a principal, director, executive director, chief or CEO.

Personal E-mail Accounts Accessed Through the World Wide Web.

While students do not have District-assigned e-mail accounts, students may have personal e-mail accounts through the Internet access provided by the District network (e.g. America On Line, Yahoo, Hotmail and others). Through personal e-mail on the Internet students are able to communicate with individuals, companies, organizations and other entities.

The District system cannot access, review, copy or delete any such messages sent, received or stored on the external e-mail systems, since they reside on the respective company servers. Therefore, students are expected to adhere fully to acceptable and unacceptable uses as they are outlined in this document.

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Student Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read and will abide by the Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Students of the Cleveland Municipal School District.

Date: _____

By _____
(student signature)

Please print or type name: _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy for Students of the Cleveland Municipal School District and have discussed with my child his/her need to adhere fully.

Date: _____

By _____
(parent/guardian signature)

Please print or type name: _____