

Greenville City School District Network and Internet Regulation (Acceptable Use Policy)

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) will serve as a contract between the Greenville City School District and the User (students) for the purpose of network and internet access, and computer use. This electronic network includes access to inter-connected computer systems in the district and inter-connected computer systems on a world-wide basis, with availability of services such as e-mail and web-sites. The intent of this contract is to insure that the User will comply with the rules and regulations relating to the use of the district network and the Internet.

Parents, students, and staff should be aware that materials available through the internet are constantly changing. The Internet reflects the values of a global society, and may provide access to sites which would be considered inappropriate in a school library or classroom setting. We (Greenville City School District) firmly believe that the educational benefits available to members of our school district offset the possibility that a user may procure materials which would not be consistent with the educational goals of the district. It is the responsibility of each user to control his/her use of the system to avoid access to or use of inappropriate material. Students should be aware of district procedures dealing with unsuitable material.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the signed agreements. Network administrators may review user files and communications to maintain system integrity and user responsibility. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will be private.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

The use of the District network resources is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked by the District at any time. This privilege is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students who are specifically authorized to use the District's computers or on-line services shall comply with the following guidelines and procedures.

1. **ACCEPTABLE USE:**

- Access to the electronic network is made available for the purpose of supporting educational research, education and collaboration in and among educational institutions in the United States and elsewhere. All network usage must be consistent with these purposes and the terms of this AUP.

2. **USES NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

Unacceptable use is defined by, but is not limited to, the following:

- Using the computer and/or network for financial gain; commercial, political, and/or inappropriate personal use that interferes with the responsibilities of the assigned position; or illegal activity.
- Using the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco; promoting unethical practices; or any activity prohibited by law or Board
- Downloading, or transmitting material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, citizenship status, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Installing, copying, removing, or modifying any software on the system without permission; installing software not owned by the District.
- Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to other users.

3. **VANDALISM:**

Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Intentionally and without authorization, entering into restricted networks.
- Reading other users' mail or files, interfering with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail or attempting to read, delete, copy, modify, or forge other users' mail or files
- Causing physical damage to any component of the District network.

4. SECURITY / PERSONAL SAFETY:

- The User is ultimately responsible for all activity on his/her account, therefore the User agrees not to disclose his/her password to any person and to use only the password provided in accessing the system.
- Do not arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user.
- Students are not permitted to subscribe to list serves or visit chat rooms of any kind.

5. WARRANTIES:

- The User shall have no expectation of privacy regarding usage of the District network and internet. The District reserves the right to review and remove user files.
- The User is responsible for any and all costs that may be associated with recovery from damages caused intentionally by the user.
- The District does not warrant that the functions of the system will meet any specific requirements or that it will be error-free or uninterrupted. The District shall not be liable for any damages sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.

SANCTIONS:

Any User becoming aware of the access to inappropriate material shall immediately exit from the site and report that access to a teacher, the principal, or an immediate supervisor. Because users are ultimately responsible for their accounts, breeches in security should be reported immediately.

1. Violations of this AUP may result in a loss of access.
2. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of user privileges.
3. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building level in line with existing practice regarding inappropriate language, behavior and/or any violation of the building disciplinary code.
4. The user will be responsible for restitution due to actions resulting in damage to any part of the network.

STUDENT

I understand that I have no expectation of privacy in my use of District computer technology, and that District staff may monitor or examine all system activities to ensure my proper use of the system. I understand that my failure to abide by any of these rules will subject me to disciplinary action, revocation of my user account and legal action as appropriate.

The Technology Coordinator/Media Specialist/Teacher and (if applicable) my parents have explained this document to me. I have read this AUP and understand its outlined policies and procedures.

As a user of the Greenville City Schools' computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Print Student's Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations and I agree to assume full liability, legal, financial, or otherwise, for my child's actions. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

I also understand that this document will be kept on file, and full documentation of any misuse will be kept on my child's disciplinary record.

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____