



Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Purpose

The purpose of providing Internet access in schools is to support the district's educational objectives.

Student Protection

The Cincinnati Public School District, in compliance with the 12/2000 *Children's Internet Protection Act* (CIPA):

- restricts minors' access to inappropriate or harmful Internet sites through filtering/blocking software;
- does not assign student Internet electronic mail addresses other than for internal CPS communications;
- restricts **unauthorized** disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- assures all Internet activities engaged in by minors are supervised by school personnel.

Privilege

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege by the system administrator. District staff may request that the system administrator suspend or cancel this privilege.

Rules for Internet Use

Use of the Internet will be suspended or canceled if a student does not abide by the following basic rules.

- Do not be rude or use inappropriate language.
- Do not receive or transmit obscene or pornographic material.
- Do not give out personal information such as address, phone number, or names of family members or arrange a meeting with an Internet acquaintance.
- Do not send messages relating to or supporting illegal activities such as sale or use of drugs or alcohol; support of criminal or gang activity; threats, intimidation or harassment of any other person. Network administrators have access to e-mail and will report any cases of misuse.
- Do not use the Internet in a way that will disrupt others' use such as spreading a virus or posting chain letters.
- Do not download copyrighted material or software without permission of the owner.
- Do not use another person's e-mail account or passwords.
- Do not purchase goods and services over the Internet.
- Do not subscribe to list-servs or news groups or post to bulletin boards without a teacher's permission.
- District policies on "Plagiarism/Cheating" and "Harassment/Intimidation" apply to Internet conduct.

Security

If an Internet security problem is identified, the user must notify a system administrator. The problem should not be demonstrated to other users. Attempts to log on as a system administrator will result in cancellation of privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied Internet access. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data. This includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Warranties

Internet access is not guaranteed. This includes loss of data or service interruptions, as well as user error. The District denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained via the Internet.

Disclaimer of Liability

The District disclaims liability for material accessed on the Internet, for any damages suffered and for any other consequences of Internet use. This includes information retrieved online, personal property used to access district online resources, and unauthorized financial obligations resulting from use of district resources.

Please turn over, complete and sign the Student Agreement & Parent Permission form.
Return the white copy to your child's school and keep the yellow copy for your records.

Student Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Student:

- At school, I will only use the Internet for school work.
- I will talk to my teacher about which web sites I can visit.
- I know that my teachers and parents can see the web sites I visit.
- If I have email at school, I know that my teachers and parents can read the email. I will tell my teacher or principal if I get an email that makes me feel bad and I will not write back. I know it is not my fault if I get that kind of message.
- I agree to obey my classroom and school Internet rules. If I break the rules, I know that my principal may discipline me or call the police.

Student's Full Name (please print) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent:

Use of the Internet

I understand that Internet access is used for educational purposes and that precautions to eliminate inappropriate material have been taken. I accept responsibility for setting and conveying standards for my student to follow when independently using the Internet at school. I also consent to the monitoring of my child's accessed Internet sites and e-mail messages (where applicable) as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. I recognize that individuals and families may be held liable for violations.

- I **GIVE** permission for my child to use the Internet independently for educational purposes (which may include an email account if available).
- I **DENY** permission for my child to use the Internet independently.

Release of Information

The universal nature of the Internet makes it necessary to use care when identifying students on the web. Cincinnati Public School (CPS) web sites may want to acknowledge student work, activities, and/or achievements on the Internet. Please indicate your consent below to include limited information about your child (**photograph, student work, first name, and/or grade level**) on the Internet.

- I **GIVE** permission for limited information about my child to be included on CPS web sites.
- I **DENY** permission for limited information about my child to be included on CPS web sites.

Parent Name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

School _____ Grade _____

The Cincinnati Public School District reserves the right to change this policy at any time.

Retain the yellow copy for your files. Return the white copy to school.