

NETWORK/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Why the Internet?

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the school district. We are very pleased to bring this access to the Marysville Public Schools District and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Marysville Public Schools District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial materials. The Marysville Public Schools District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Network/Internet Guidelines

The Marysville Public Schools District's purpose is to provide access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the Network/Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school district. Sending or receiving of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.

The use of the Network/Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administrators, faculty, and staff of the Marysville Public Schools District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

Before access is granted each user must receive training. Parents have the option of denying their child individual access to the Internet.

The following guidelines are provided so everyone is aware of the responsibilities that come with using the Network/Internet. The signatures on this document are legally binding and indicate that those who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Internet Monitoring

Marysville Public Schools District may choose to employ from time to time monitoring and screening devices in an effort to ensure the potential use of these resources is appropriate for the wide range of users that may access these resources, including minors. There is no guarantee the information available is legal or appropriate. Therefore, Marysville Public Schools District employees and students have no property liberty or other interest or expectation of privacy in the use of the District's technology resources. The District may edit or remove any material placed or stored on the District's technology resources which the Superintendent or designee, in his/her discretion, determines may be unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. Any such decision is final and shall not be subjective to review or appeal.

Rules for Internet Use:

1. Never share your password or account with anyone. You have full responsibility for the use of your account. You will be held responsible for any violations of these rules that can be traced to your account.
2. Do not vandalize computers, software, or network devices.
3. Obey the rules of copyright. Don't copy other people's work.
4. Do not download or install software without permission of the teacher and/or system administrator.
5. Do not post personal communications in a public forum without the author's prior consent. All messages posted in a public forum such as a news group may be copied in subsequent communications so long a proper attribution is given.
6. Do not use the network for any illegal activities. Illegal activities include tampering with computer hardware or software, unauthorized entry into computers, or vandalism or destruction of computer files. In some cases, such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law.
7. Do not deliberately spread computer viruses. Computer viruses are programs that have been developed as pranks, and can destroy valuable programs and data. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance of the local school network or any other computer system or network on the Internet by spreading computer viruses is considered criminal activity under state and federal law.
8. Use appropriate language. Profanity or obscenity will not be tolerated on the school network. You must use language appropriate for school situations as indicated by school policy.
9. Avoid offensive or inflammatory speech. Internet users must respect the rights of others both in the local community and in the Internet at large. Personal attacks are unacceptable use of the network. If you are the victim of a personal attack, ("flame") bring the incident to the attention of a teacher or system administrator.
10. Be aware that giving out personal information on the Internet can be dangerous.

11. Do not use a school account to post anonymous or false information. Individuals must take responsibility for their actions and words.
12. Do not intentionally search for, view, and/or distribute inappropriate materials.
13. Internet may not be used for commercial purpose, product advertising or political lobbying.
14. User must respect the privacy of others; for example, users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to others, or represent themselves as another user unless explicitly authorized to do so by that user.
15. Users must respect the integrity of computing and network systems; for example, users shall not intentionally develop or use programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer, computing system or network and/or damage or alter the software components of a computer, computing system or network.
16. Use shall be consistent with guiding ethical statements and accepted community standards. Malicious use is not acceptable.
17. Use of the Internet and any attached network in a manner that precludes or significantly hampers its use by others is not allowed.
18. Repeated, unsolicited and unwanted communications of an intrusive nature is not acceptable. For example, continuing to send e-mail messages to an individual after being asked to stop is not acceptable.
19. The Marysville Public Schools District reserves the right to modify or amend the above rules and regulations in the future. Users will be obliged to abide by any such revisions.

Violations of rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Marysville Public Schools District reserves sole discretion to determine whether any use of the Internet is a violation of these rules.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

As a user of the Marysville Public Schools District computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules for using the Internet, networked and stand-alone computers and other district technology equipment.

Student Signature: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use the district computers and other technology equipment, and access networked computer services such as the Network and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for malicious damages and violations of the acceptable use policy. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of local and Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Street Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____