

Student Use of the Internet (Acceptable Use Agreement)

In order to provide for the appropriate use of the Internet in keeping with Board of Education policy, the following "Acceptable Use Agreement" has been developed. (A copy of this agreement will be distributed to students and parents/guardians for signature before a student is issued an Internet account.)

Terms and conditions

All computers having Internet access must be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to this Agreement will result in revocation of access privileges.

1. Acceptable use: The use of your Internet account must be consistent with the educational objectives of the Custer County School District. Students may communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. copyrighted material (no plagiarism)
 - b. threatening or obscene material
 - c. material protected by trade secret

2. Unacceptable use of school computers includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. personal email transactions
 - b. using any game site not approved as educational by a teacher
 - c. social websites (i.e.: facebook, my space, twitter, etc.)
 - d. any lewd or pornographic material
 - e. buying, selling, advertising, or otherwise conducting business, unless approved and under supervision of teacher

3. Privilege: The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator(s) will deem what is inappropriate use and that decision is final. The system administrator(s) may close an account at any time, as required. The administration, faculty and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

4. No warranty: The Custer County School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Custer County School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered in using the Internet. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Custer County School District

specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this service.

5. **Security**: Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk, or as having a history of problems with other computer systems, may be denied access to the Internet. Students may not distribute private information about others or themselves.
6. **Vandalism**: Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
7. **Communication**: Students are expected to immediately report any violation to internet use policy to supervising teacher. Students must also immediately report any threatening, intimidating or discomfoting material to a teacher.

I understand and will abide by the above Agreement. I further understand that a violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Your signature on the Acceptable Use Agreement is legally binding and indicates that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

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Parent or Guardian

If the user is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian also must sign this Agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Agreement. I will read and/ or explain this Agreement and Policies to my child. I agree that my child will be expected to abide by all policies. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the Custer County School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. I also recognize, however, that it is impossible for the Custer County School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. School network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary action and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is true and correct.

Parent/guardian: _____
(Please print)

Parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Approved date August 11, 2009

