

Acceptable Use Policy

West Tallahatchie School District Acceptable Use Policy:

Internet access is now available to students and staff in the West Tallahatchie School District (WTSD). Our goal in providing this service is to further the mission of the WTSD: *...to provide a quality formal education to enable its students to achieve academic success and become productive, contributing members of society.* Internet access is to be used for educational purposes.

Pupil guidelines for Internet use:

Pupils are responsible for good behavior on the Internet, just as they are in a classroom or a school corridor. General school rules apply. Access is a privilege, not a right, and that access requires responsibility.

Individual users of the Internet are responsible for their behavior and communications over the network. Users will comply with school standards and honor the agreements they have signed.

Computer storage areas and floppy disks will be treated in a similar manner as school lockers. Staff may review files and communications to insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that stored files would be private.

Students are responsible for good behavior when using the district's electronic information resources and networked services just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Any action by a student that is determined by an administrator to constitute an inappropriate use of electronic information resources or networked services may result in termination of the student's ; staff's privilege to use these resources and may initiate other action in compliance with the district's discipline policy.

During school, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials. Families bear responsibility for providing such guidance, as they must exercise with other information sources, such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive or inappropriate messages or pictures.
- Using obscene or inappropriate language.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Damaging computers, computer systems, and computer networks or changing computer settings.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Using others' passwords or teacher's logins.
- Trespassing in others' folders, works or files.
- Intentionally wasting resources.
- Using network for commercial purposes
- Installing ANY software on WTSD computers
- Downloading ANY files without a teacher's permission
- Revealing personal addresses, phone numbers or student names
- Participating in chat sessions not supervised by a teacher

Users are to notify an adult immediately if they encounter materials, which violate the rules of appropriate use.

Students are to be prepared to be held accountable for their actions and for disciplinary consequences if the Acceptable Use Policy is violated. The West Tallahatchie School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it provides. The WTSD will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include but are not limited to: contact with inappropriate materials or information, loss of data, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions regardless of cause. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. WTSD specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its services. Any student not abiding by these rules will be denied access to the Internet for the rest of the semester.

This policy may be amended from time to time to reflect changes deemed necessary to the needs of the District.

Parent Signature Required

Please sign Section I or Section II and return the entire form.

Section I

I, the parent/guardian of _____ have read and discussed the WTSD's Acceptable Use Policy with my child. I understand that access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold the district/school/school personnel responsible for materials students' access or acquire through the computer. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet while at school according to the rules above.

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Please Print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section II

I would prefer that my child _____ not use the Internet while at school.

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Please Print):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature Required

As a user of the school computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules. If my parent signs Section I above, giving me permission to use the network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and to use the network in a constructive manner. If my parent signs Section II, declining to give me permission to use the network, I agree not to use or attempt to use the Internet while at school.

Student's Name (Please print):

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Children's Internet Protection Act requires schools to provide Internet safety policies. Basically this requires filtering or blocking access to obscene material that is harmful to students while accessing the Internet. The West Tallahatchie School District is in full compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and COPPA.

(Due to ever changing situations a New AUP is pending School Board approval)

Section III.

I, Staff member or Visitor (print name) _____

Signed Name: _____

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in a proper educational setting. If I fail to adhere to the school policy, I understand that I will be barred from future use of the school computer network.