

Milwaukee Public Schools Student Acceptable Use Policy

In a number of classes we are introducing students to electronic mail and other global information resources, including the Internet. The Milwaukee Public Schools has developed a policy to enhance your child's education through the use of the Internet. This policy appears on the back of this contract.

Your child will be able to communicate electronically with other computers on the information superhighway. The Internet allows your child the opportunity to immediately reach out to people and information anywhere in the world. The student becomes a member of a global village.

The vast majority of the information on the Internet has positive educational value. As with commercial TV programming, some of the discussions available to students might be considered in poor taste. The Milwaukee Public Schools will have special computer hardware in place that will restrict access to adult material and undesirable topics. However, it is not possible to completely block out all objectionable topics. As parents and teachers we must teach students to be responsible consumers of information. Students in classes will be encouraged to explore local and world-wide information sources in a responsible manner.

With this educational opportunity comes personal responsibility. Approved electronic activities must not contain profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, expressions of bigotry, racism, or hate. Messages should not contain personal information that you would not want a stranger to have. This would include your name, address, telephone numbers, charge cards numbers, social security numbers or other personal information.

You and your child should read through the policy on the back of this sheet. Inappropriate use of the Internet will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.

Parents, remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. Please stress to your child the importance of following the policies on the back of this document.

Please indicate your acceptance of the terms of this policy by completing the lower portion of this document. These signatures indicate that you have read the document and that your child agrees to adhere to the policies regarding Internet usage.

Please feel free to contact your child's school if further clarification is needed.

As a user of the MPS Internet resource, I understand the policy listed above and on the back of this contract. I realize that non-adherence to this policy can result in the loss of this privilege.

School			Date
Student Last Name (please print)	First Name	Init	Student ID (7 digit)
Student Signature		Telephone	
I agree to let my child use the MPS Internet resource. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
(check one) <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 filtering/blocking <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-approved Sites Only (see reverse side for detail)			
Parent Signature		Teacher Signature	

Student Use Policy

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and possible school discipline in accordance with the MPS Student Handbook.

Netiquette

- Be polite. Do not be abusive in any message to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not use profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, expressions of bigotry, racism, or hate. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal personal addresses or telephone numbers of others.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network or other users.

Security

- Under no circumstances should you give anyone your password.
- Do not reveal your personal address or telephone number.
- Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
- Students have the right to appeal any restrictions or access privileges

Vandalism

- Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy electronic information including data or equipment.
- Uploading or creation of computer viruses is considered vandalism.

Rules and Code of Ethics

- The student should act honorably and in a manner consistent with ordinary ethical obligations.
- The student will not use the computer resources for non-academic activities.
- The student will not make unauthorized copies of software in accordance with the copyright laws.
- The student should respect the rights and privacy of other authorized users.
- The student represents his/her school and should do so in ways that are positive.

Student Account Types

Access Level	Description
K-12 Account	Filtering and blocking of Internet sites. Currently thousands of known sites are available to MPS students.
Pre-approved Account	Selected sites determined by a parent advisory group, administrators and teachers. A limited number of pre-approved sites available.

The Milwaukee Public Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or the quality of information obtained through the Internet.

Under the state statute section 947.0125 students may be subject to criminal sanctions, if by means of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or data, they threaten, intimidate, abuse or harass another person through electronic mail or other computerized communication systems.

E-mail accounts and file materials are not private in nature and remain subject to monitoring by the school district. The school and district network administrators, with due regard for the right of privacy of users and the confidentiality of their data, have the right to suspend or modify Internet access privileges and examine files, passwords, accounting information, printouts, tapes, and any other material that may aid in maintaining the integrity and efficient operation of the system. Designated staff may search the file system for potential violations and when there is evidence of a possible violation may view users' files, read mail, monitor keystrokes, and otherwise observe users' activities.