

Computer Use Policy

No Student has the expectation of privacy concerning district-owned computer use. Students are responsible for knowing and understanding current computer use policies. They are also responsible for the ethical and legal use of the internet. The following is the USD 432 Acceptable Use Policy.

Unified School District #432 Victoria School Acceptable Use Policy

We are pleased to offer students of USD 432 Public Schools access to the district computer network for electronic mail and Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. The purpose of computer usage and on-line services is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of computers, the Internet and other on-line services must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives and the outcomes for USD 432.

Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and informed sources. To that end, USD 432 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

ACCEPTABLE USE:

The purpose of Internet access through USD 432 is to facilitate communications in support of research and education, by providing access to unique resources and an opportunity for collaborative work. Network access must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of USD 432. Access to the Internet is made possible through an appropriate provider be designated by USD 432 at its sole discretion. All users of the Internet must comply with this Acceptable Use Policy.

UNACCEPTABLE USE:

- *Sending or displaying offensive or anonymous messages or pictures
- *Using obscene language
- *Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- *Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- *Violating copyright laws
- *Using another's password - - attempting to access another person's account, or attempting to change or alter any password
- *Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- *Intentionally wasting limited resources
- *Employing the network for personal advertising or solicitations

USERS WILL AGREE THAT THE USE OF THE INTERNET / E-MAIL / NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Users will agree that administration, faculty, or staff will decide what is inappropriate use.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

As a user of the USD 432 Public Schools computer network, I agree to follow the Acceptable Use Policy and will use the network in a responsible manner.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature _____

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions of the USD 432 Acceptable Use Policy for network and Internet access. I understand that this free access is designed for educational purposes. However, I recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold USD 432 responsible for materials acquired or sent via the network. I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use -- setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Name (print): _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

This policy will remain in effect until the end of the school year unless we receive a written request revoking these privileges.