

Oakdale Grade School Staff

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Access to Electronic Networks

- Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.
- The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet.
- Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum

- The use of the District's electronic network shall
 1. be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and
 2. comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library-media center materials.
- The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

- All use of the District's electronic network must be
 1. in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the Board of Education's stated goal, or
 2. for a legitimate school business purpose.
- Use is a privilege, not a right.
- Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic network or District computers.
- General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks.
- The District's ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol.

- Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

- Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device that attempts to block entry to visual depictions that are
 1. obscene
 2. pornographic, or
 3. harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent shall enforce the use of such filtering devices.

Prohibited Activities

In respect to Internet activities, the following are **NOT** permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
- Using obscene language.
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others.
- Damaging computers, computer systems, computer networks, or any other computer-related equipment.
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password.
- Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

- Each staff member must sign the District's ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY as a condition for using the District's electronic network.
- Each student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the OAKDALE GRADE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN SIGNATURE SHEET before being granted unsupervised use.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY Violations

The failure of any student or staff member to follow the terms of the ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY will result in

- the loss of privileges,
- disciplinary action, and/or

- appropriate legal action.

Oakdale Grade School Staff Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I hereby agree to monitor students' activities while using the Internet. The terms set forth in the ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY will be used to determine inappropriate use of the Internet. Any violation of this policy by a student will be dealt with accordingly as set forth in the Oakdale Grade School Discipline Plan.

I will also adhere to the terms of the ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY in regards to my personal use of the Internet and email. I understand that misuse on my part could result in a loss of Internet access, as well as disciplinary and/or legal action.

Staff Member's Signature

Date