

Acceptable Internet Use Policy for Students

Prairie Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools provide access to the Internet for all students, faculty, and staff. Students must have permission from at least one of their parents or guardians to access the Internet at school.

The use of an Internet account is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action by school officials. A student's activities while using the Internet in his/her school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of the Cottonwood School District. In addition, a student accessing the Internet from a school site is responsible for all online activities, which take place through their use. Students will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in accordance with school procedures. Students will use the Internet for educational purposes only.

They shall agree that the following actions (which are not inclusive) constitute unacceptable use of the Internet, whether that use is initiated from school or any other site:

- Using impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages
- Placing unlawful information on the Internet
- Using the Internet illegally in ways that violate federal, state or local laws or statutes
- Using the Internet at school for non-school related activities
- Sending messages that are likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work or systems
- Sending chain letters or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals, and any other types of use which would cause congestion of the Internet or otherwise interfere with the work of others
- Using the Internet for commercial purposes
- Using the Internet for political lobbying
- Changing any computer file that does not belong to the user
- Sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission
- Knowingly giving one's password to others
- Using another person's password
- Using Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network
- Vandalizing, which is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or the Internet and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses
- Falsifying one's identity to others while using the Internet
- Intentionally visiting internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials

Depending on severity of the offense; students may receive a written warning, suspension from using the internet, in-school suspension and/or out of school suspension.

(Keep for your records)

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