

SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

Acceptable Use Policy

The Southwest Region Conference schools are pleased to offer their students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, both parents and the student must sign and return this form to the school.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Unfortunately it is true that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. We believe, however, that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages and, therefore support the school's choosing to make the Internet available to our students. But because parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources, we respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Since the network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege-not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Students are responsible for Christian behavior and communication on the school system, just as they are anywhere on the school campus. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. The school takes very seriously the responsibility for appropriate use of the network. School staff will guide students toward resources acceptable within the framework of the general school standards. If a student should access inappropriate material, the school will not be liable and the student will forfeit network privileges at this institution.

Computer storage files will be treated like school lockers. School staff may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

Students will adhere to Christian principles and will:

- Be responsible and courteous in all communications.
- Be responsible with all computer hardware and software.
- Keep their passwords to themselves.
- Respect the confidentiality of folders, work and files of others.
- Learn about and observe copyright laws.

Any activity not in accordance with these general rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary legal action.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the school's computer system, I agree to comply with the above-stated rules communicating over the Internet in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Birth Date _____

Grade _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for any inappropriate behavior. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility to work with the school in the guidance of Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____