

Acceptable Use Policy for Students
Creighton School District

Creighton School District makes available access to the Internet, a worldwide computer network, for all students and their teachers. Through the use of the Internet, students can use hundreds of databases, libraries, images, email and computer services from all over the world. Their teachers can also access current research, lesson plans and classroom materials. The District believes the resources available through the Internet offer significant opportunities for teaching and learning; however, the Internet must be used in a responsible manner. While the District provides protection from harmful material through the use of filtering software, the teacher and the student have the ultimate responsibility for how the Internet is used.

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSURANCES

When the Internet is being used, the following assurances will be made:

- Supervision will be provided at all times.
- All activities using the Internet will have a curriculum focus and well defined purpose.
- Internet safety and etiquette rules will be introduced before beginning an Internet project.
- All searching activities will be structured using age-appropriate search engines.
- "Free surfing" will not be allowed on the Internet in the classroom or computer lab.
- Chat rooms, email and other types of direct electronic communication will be filtered by the district and the use will be determined by the site and closely monitored by the teacher.
- Any information published or submitted through the Internet is not private; therefore, no student photos, addresses or student last names will be published on District Internet web pages.

THE USER MUST:

- Use the electronic information system for educational purposes only.
- Agree not to submit, publish, display or retrieve/download any inappropriate material, including material that is defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, gang-related, threatening, racially offensive or illegal.
- Not attempt to harm, modify system files or data belonging to other users.
- Not attempt to gain unauthorized access to district systems or data, destroy software, or interfere with system operation or security.
- Keep his/her password private.
- Notify a system administrator if a password is lost or stolen, or if there is reason to believe that someone has obtained unauthorized access to the system.
- Not use the network in a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others, including downloading, storing, distributing, or sharing any software or digital file (such as movies, music, or text) in violation of copyright laws.
- Understand that e-mail should not be considered absolutely secure or private.
- Understand that computer activities, including e-mail, may be monitored and tracked.
- Not reveal student personal information.
- Not use the system to make any unauthorized purchases or to conduct any non-approved business.
- Abide by all copyright, trademarks, and license restrictions.
- Follow all District Policies and Student Handbooks as written.

Student use of information systems is acknowledged to be a privilege, not a right. Students must adhere to strict district guidelines. Administrator(s) will deem what is appropriate and inappropriate use of information systems. Any action by a student determined to constitute an inappropriate use subjects the student to disciplinary action. Depending on the seriousness of the user's offense, consequences will be administered as stipulated in the Student Handbook and/or District Policy. Students will also be subject to all applicable state and federal laws.

Students and parents/guardians of students must understand that their student may have access to the Internet. Through the use of filtering software and supervision, Creighton Elementary School District limits access to inappropriate materials on the Internet. Students and parents should be aware that no filtering system is completely effective in preventing access to all inappropriate materials, and it is the student's responsibility to follow these regulations and the directions of staff.

I understand and will abide by the above terms and conditions of this acceptable use policy, and will use computer and electronic resources for curricular purposes only. I further understand that any violation of this agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense and may result in civil liability to me and my parents or guardians. Should I commit any violation, I am subject to consequences of the school and district disciplinary code and of state and federal law.

- Yes I give permission for my child to use the Internet at school and agree to the above guidelines.
- No I do not give permission for my child to use the Internet at school.

Student name: _____

Student ID # _____

Teacher _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date