

Winslow Township Board of Education

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Network resources including, Internet access, are now available to students in our schools. To qualify, students and parents/guardians must read this policy and then sign and return the attached consent form annually.

The staff of Winslow Township School District believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes their potential to support the curriculum. Every effort will be made to provide quality experiences to students using these information services. Inappropriate and/or illegal interaction with any information service is strictly prohibited.

Only after a student and their parent/guardian have read, signed and returned the attached consent form, will he/she be permitted to access these services.

Listed below are the provisions of this agreement. If any student violates these provisions, access to the information services may be denied and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

1. **Personal Responsibility**: The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. As representatives of Winslow Township School District, students must accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to a staff member. Misuse may come in many forms, but it is commonly viewed as any message(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal requests, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described below.
2. **Acceptable Use** – The use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Winslow Township School District. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for the network. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.
3. **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Designated administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and may deny, revoke or suspend usage.

4. **Network Etiquette** – Internet users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - *Be polite.* Do not get abusive in messages to others.
 - *Use appropriate language.* Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - *Privacy.* Do not reveal personal information, the home address or personal phone number of any students.
 - *Electronic mail (e-mail).* Note that the electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - *Disruptions.* Do not use the network in such a way that it would disrupt the use of the network by others.
 - *Other considerations.* All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

5. **Warranties** – The Winslow Township School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Winslow Township School District will not be responsible for any damages incurred as a result of these technologies. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by the system or a student's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the student's own risk. Winslow Township School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

6. **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a student feels he/she can identify a security problem, notify a staff member at once. Students should not demonstrate the problem to other users. All use of the system must be under the student's own login and password. Students should keep passwords private. Passwords are not to be shared with others. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

7. **Vandalism** – Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy any equipment or data of another user or any other networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action and/or legal referral.

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Internet Use Agreement – Required Signatures

Student:

I understand and will abide by the Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that any violation of the regulations is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action and/or the loss of my privileges. Misuse may come in many forms, but includes any messages sent or received that might be considered offensive or unacceptable in a school setting.

Name (please print): _____

School/Homeroom: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the Internet Use Policy. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes only. Winslow Township School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material; however, I also recognize it is impossible for the school district to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. By signing, I give my son/daughter permission to access the Internet through his/her school.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Denial of Access:

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the Internet Use Policy. By signing, I deny my son/daughter permission to access the Internet through his/her school. I understand that this will not exclude my child from other educational computer opportunities.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____