



West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147

Student Computer & Internet Usage Agreement

FOR STUDENTS:

Computer and Internet access is available to students in all District 147 schools. The internet enables worldwide connection to databases, software, and other information sources, such as libraries and museums. District 147 provides Internet access to promote educational excellence in member schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The guidelines below are provided so that all are aware of the responsibilities of utilizing devices. If a District 147 user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access can be denied.

RISK

It is impossible to control all materials on the Internet. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, obscene, inaccurate or controversial. With global access to computers and people, there is a risk that students may access material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting.

USER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Internet users are responsible for their actions in accessing available resources.

INTERNET TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The use of your account must be in support of education and research.

Use of a personal District 147 Internet account is voluntary and a privilege, not a right.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE

You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Maintain the security of the network by keeping information, especially passwords and account information, private.
2. Refrain from behavior or activity that damages or disrupts the performance of the network.
3. Use the network for approved, legal activities, which have educational relevance.
4. Honor all rules of copyright and personal property.
5. Avoid the knowing or inadvertent spread of computer viruses.
6. Use only acceptable appropriate language. Avoid offensive or inflammatory speech.
7. Use your real name in all communications. Impersonation, anonymity, or pseudonyms are not permitted.
8. While we take all precautions possible, please note that all electronic communications (email) is not guaranteed to be private. Individuals who operate the system may have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in furtherance of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.

INAPPROPRIATE USE

Inappropriate use included, but is not limited to, those uses that violate the law, that are specifically

named as violations in this document, that violate the rules of network etiquette or that hamper the integrity or security of this or any networks connected to the Internet.

VIOLATION OF LAW

Transmission of any material in violation of any international, US or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, harassing or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets. Any attempt to break the law while using a District 147 Internet account or while connected to the Internet through a District 147 IP (Internet Protocol) address may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, District 147 will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process.

COMMERCIAL USE

Use for commercial, income-generating or “for-profit” activities or product advertisement is prohibited.

VANDALISM/MISCHIEF

Vandalism and mischief are prohibited. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the deliberate creation and/or propagation of computer viruses. Sending unsolicited junk mail or chain letters is prohibited. Any interference with the work of other users, with or without malicious intent, is considered as mischief and is strictly prohibited.

VIOLATIONS

User ID: Once a User ID is issued, the user is responsible for all actions taken while using that User ID. Sharing of a User ID with another person is prohibited.

Emails: Forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. Reading, deleting, copying, or modifying the electronic mail of other users is prohibited.

File/Data: Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users is prohibited.

CONSEQUENCES OF POLICY VIOLATION

An attempt to violate the provision of this policy may result in revocation of the user's Internet access privileges and/or account. District and/or school disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

DISCLAIMER

District 147 makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the Internet services it is providing. District 147 will not be responsible for any damages suffered by users. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. District 147 is not responsible for phone/credit card bills or any other charges incurred by users. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk for the user's own purposes. District 147 specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet facilities.



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Acknowledgement of Student Computer & Internet Usage Agreement

Student:

I understand and will voluntarily abide by District 147's Internet Usage Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the Internet Use Agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked. In addition, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. Signature(s) at the end of this document indicate that I/we have read the District 147 Internet Use Agreement carefully, understand its significance and voluntarily agree to comply fully with all terms and conditions therein.

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

Parent/Guardian:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have received a copy of the Internet Usage Agreement and I have read it. I understand that District 147's Internet use is designed for educational purposes. However, I recognize it is impossible for District 147 to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold District 147 responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give District 147 permission to allow my child to access the Internet. I certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

- SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE SCHOOL.