

ACCEPTABLE USE FORM for MSBSD STUDENTS

Introduction

Using school computers and the Internet, students may participate in a variety of activities that support learning. With access to other Networks and people around the world, students might have access to information that may not be appropriate. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District has taken measures to prevent access to inappropriate information. However, we can not control all the information available on the Internet. The district is not responsible for other people's actions or the quality and content of information available through this service. We trust our students to know what is appropriate and inappropriate. The following guidelines are intended to help students use computers appropriately. If he/she does not follow the MSBSD Internet Use policies listed here, their privilege of using computers may be withdrawn.

User Agreement

The use of district computers and networks must be in support of education, research, and the educational goals and objectives of the Matanuska-Susitna School District. You are personally responsible for this provision at all times when using district computers.

- The use of another organization's networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- Transmission of any material in violation of any United States statutes is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- District computers, e-mail addresses, or web pages may not be used for commercial, non-profit, political, or religious purposes. If you have any questions about these rules, please ask your teacher so you do understand. Be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources is a violation of school rules; local, state, and federal laws. You can be prosecuted for violating those laws.

Network Etiquette and Privacy

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

- BE POLITE: Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
- USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE: You are a representative of your school and your district on a public system. Never swear, use vulgarity, or any other inappropriate language.
- PRIVACY: Do not reveal your home address, phone number, names or addresses of family members, or the addresses or phone numbers of other students or colleagues.
- DISRUPTIONS: Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.
- REPRESENTATION: Do not send anonymous messages or represent a message to have been written by another. All correspondence should be clearly identifiable as to its originator.

Security

If you identify a security problem with district computers, notify the system administrator at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account. Never tell anyone else your password. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the network and may be liable for disciplinary action or prosecution.

Misuse

Misuse is defined as any malicious attempt to physically deface, disable, or destroy computers, peripherals, or other network hardware, to harm or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system, to gain access or attempt to gain access to unauthorized systems, or to access inappropriate materials from school computers. Attempts to bypass the District's Internet Filtering software are prohibited. Use of proxy servers to bypass Internet filters or to conceal the identity of one's computer or user information on the network is prohibited. Users should not stream non-educational music or video during the instructional day. Any misuse will result in loss of computer privileges, disciplinary action, or possible legal referral.