

INTERNET USAGE - mASD Policy IJ-E (1), (2) IJA-E

Access to the school/district's Internet is provided for educational purposes and research consistent with the school/district's mission and goals. Students may use the school computer system only for legitimate educational purposes, which include class work and independent research that is similar to the subjects studied in school. Students shall not access entertainment sites, such as social networking sites or gaming sites. Students using the Internet shall comply with all applicable policies and procedures. The school district reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students/staff. Staff and students are hereby advised that privacy in the use of the Internet is not guaranteed.

Parents are required to read and sign the Internet Parent Consent Agreement allowing their students to access the Internet. All students are required to sign the Internet Access Agreement. These forms affirm that students and parents have read and understand the procedures for Internet Use and understand the consequences for violating said procedures. All forms are to be returned to the school principal.

CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) - mASD Policy IJ-E (1), (2), IJA-E

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Mississippi Achievement School District staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with the following policies: the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

The district will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Mississippi Achievement School District Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the Mississippi Achievement School District's commitment to acceptable use, student safety, appropriate behavior and cyber bullying awareness and response.

It is the intent of the Mississippi Achievement School District to promote harmonious human relationships that enable students to gain a true understanding of the rights and duties of people in our diverse society. Furthermore, it is our intent to promote the principles of equality and human dignity. A learning environment shall be available to all students that is free from verbal, physical, racial, and sexual harassment; intimidation; bullying; and, cyber-bullying.

Harassment, including intimidation, bullying, and cyber-bullying will not be tolerated in the Mississippi Achievement School District, on the area immediately adjacent to school grounds, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop, activity, program, event, internship, or trip sponsored by the district. Additionally, incidents of harassment, including intimidation, bullying, and cyber-bullying that interfere with or disrupt the educational process are prohibited regardless of where they occur.

The use of the school's Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of that privilege at any time.

UNACCEPTABLE USE

(Violators of the acceptable use policy may face level III – V consequences)

The student is responsible for all of his/her actions and activities involving the Internet. Below are examples of prohibited conduct including, but not limited to:

1. Accessing materials or communications that are:
 - Damaging to another's reputation
 - Abusive
 - Obscene
 - Sexually oriented
 - Threatening
 - Contrary to the school/district policy on harassment
 - Harassing (including cyberbullying)
 - Illegal
2. Using the Internet for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts or transmitting any material in violation of U. S. and State of Mississippi regulations.
3. Copying or downloading copyrighted material for student's own use without the owner's permission. Students may redistribute copyrighted programs or material only with the owner's permission. Such permission must be documented or must be obtained directly from the owner in accordance with applicable copyright laws, school board policies and procedures.
4. Failing to comply with resource quotas or disk usage (memory).
5. Using the Internet for private financial or commercial gain.
6. Wastefully using resources (unnecessary printing, etc.).
7. Utilizing any software having the purpose of damaging the school/district system or other user's systems.
8. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities (hacking).
9. Invading the privacy of individuals.
10. Posting or sharing personal information about or images of any other student or staff member without written permission from that student or staff member (Level IV violation).
11. Using another student's account or password.
12. Posting material authored or created by another person without his/her consent.
13. Posting anonymous messages.
14. Using the Internet for commercial or private advertising.
15. Forging email messages.
16. Attempting to delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other system users and deliberately interfacing with the ability of other system users to send/receive mail.
17. Using the Internet while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
18. Using the network in a manner inconsistent with the directions from teachers and other staff and generally acceptable network etiquette.
19. Postings that portray damaging information or causes disruptions in the school.
20. Posting during school hours whether using a school computer or personal device.

USER IDS^[1]_[SEP] User accounts and passwords are to be kept confidential. Any student identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.