

SAU 90 Acceptable Use Policy For Computer Users

As a computer user, I understand that my ability to use a computer has the potential to enhance my education and provide me with skills that will help me in my future life work. The privilege of using a computer bears some responsibilities.

I. I recognize that all computer users have the same right to use the equipment; therefore,

- A. I will not play games on the computer or use the computer resources for other than academic activities when others desire to use the system for academic purposes;
- B. I will not waste, nor take supplies such as paper and printer cartridges provided by the school; *When I am at a computer, I will work in ways that do not disturb others

II. I recognize that the software is protected by copyright laws; therefore,

- A. I will not copy programs onto my computer or onto other computers;
- B. I will not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others unless written permission of copyright owner or unless the original software is clearly identified as shareware or in public domain.

III. I recognize also that the work of all users is valuable; therefore

- A. I will protect the privacy of others' areas by not trying to learn their passwords and will not use another user's password without the other user's prior permission;
- B. I will not read, change, copy, or use files in another user's folder without the user's prior permission
- C. *I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment;
- D. I will not use computer systems to disturb or harass other computer users by sending unwanted files or mail or by any other means.

IV. I recognize that telecommunications offers an opportunity to exchange and access information that can be used in an educational manner; therefore,

- A. I understand that all school district rules and policies that apply to student behavior also apply to computer use;
- B. I will be polite when I engage in telecommunications activities and will not use obscene language, make threats, or make any inappropriate suggestions or statements when I am engaging in any type of telecommunications activities;
- C. I will not access or share information that is obscene, pornographic, or inappropriate in any manner;
- D. I agree to respect the privacy of others on a network and will not reveal any personal information about myself (such as my home address, phone number, and password) or any personal information about others;
- E. I will not engage in chat room communications without adult supervision;
- F. I will immediately notify a teacher or other school official if I feel that I am in any way threatened or presented with information that is inappropriate for me or others:
- G. I will not download or upload pirated or illegal software;
- H. I will not alter or delete any software installed or intended to be installed on the computer systems;
- I. I will not use the Internet for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity or political lobbying.

- V. I understand that violations of the rules and procedures described above will be dealt with seriously.** Violators will lose computer privileges and possibly face school disciplinary action (up to and including dismissal) and/or appropriate legal action. In addition, certain activities may constitute a federal crime.

By signing the handbook verification sheet, students and parents agree to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy. Students who do not sign this policy statement will not be allowed access to computers in school.