

Arkansas Arts Academy

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Arkansas Arts Academy (AAA) is committed to promoting ethical and responsible use of computer and network resources and will not tolerate their misuse. We are committed to adhering to FCC-11-12541 CIPA Order of July 1, 2012 which states that public schools will “educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.” Access to computer and internet resources is a privilege, not a right, and should be treated as such. Access to the internet is provided to students, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel involved in the educational process. Anyone using the internet system is responsible for its proper use. Proper use is defined as accessing the internet for education purposes which include: research, critical thinking skills, resources sharing, collaborative projects, debate of current issues, curriculum development, and electronic mail for administrative purposes. All activities associated with the internet must support the educational mission of Arkansas Arts Academy. Our Acceptable Use Policies are as follows:

- I. AAA does not condone the use of inappropriate material that may be obscene, abusive, offensive, inaccurate, etc. and does not permit the use of such material in the school environment. AAA has taken all available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. In doing so, the school district reserves the right to deem what is appropriate.
- II. A filtering system is in place at the state level that monitors all Arkansas schools to restrict the access of minors to materials that might be harmful to them
- III. Personnel monitor students during use of the Internet, therefore proper supervision of students during the internet is required to monitor the appropriate use of the internet system.
- IV. AAA reserves the right to monitor or log all network activity with or without notice, including email and all website communications, and therefore users should have no reasonable expectation of privacy in the use of these resources on school premises. Email, or electronic documents stored on AAA servers and computers can be subject to open records laws.
- V. The school district reserves the right to access any and all data stored on computers attached to the internet to ensure that email and/or computer files do not contain defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. The school district also reserves the right to review any material downloaded or in use by any user.
- VI. AAA will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.

Penalties from Misuse:

Because Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of Arkansas Government agencies, and State networks it is necessary that all end-users adhere to strict guidelines to ensure smooth operation of the network. The guidelines for use are provided here so that all will be aware of the responsibilities, which accompany the privilege of use.

- I. Any user violating any of these provisions or any terms and conditions, will have his or her account with the Internet terminated. In addition, future access could possibly be denied. Also, anyone in violation of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment for employees, expulsion for students, and possible referral for prosecution.
- II. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.
- III. Parents, students, and staff should read the following guidelines carefully. A signed copy of the terms and conditions and application must be returned to the designated person and on file with the school district before access to the internet or email is allowed for any user.

Acceptable Use:

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objective of the Arkansas Arts Academy. Use of other networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: Copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities for profit institutions is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Rules and Guidelines:

In keeping with the education objectives of BCSA the following guidelines of acceptable use are to be followed. These include but are not limited to the following:

- I. Be polite, courteous and respectful during all session on the Internet, including use of email. Profanity, obscenity, or any vulgarity is prohibited.
- II. For safety and security reasons, do not reveal any personal information including personal address or phones numbers or those of any students or colleagues under any circumstances.
- III. Email is not guaranteed to be private
- IV. Keep your account passwords private and log off the network after each use. All activity involving your account is your responsibility.
- V. Do not use or attempt to use another individuals account. Usage of computers for harassment (sexual, racial, personal, bullying, etc) is strictly prohibited.
- VI. No MP3 sharing or music downloading, no online gaming i.e.(card games, pinball, non educational games), no chat room participation.
- VII. Bypassing AAA's internet filters (cellular wireless cards, web proxies, etc.)
- VIII. No downloading without teacher/technology coordinator approval
- IX. No software other than licensed school purchased is to be loaded on any school computer without approval from technology coordinator or administrator. All licenses must be on file.
- X. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy any hardware, software, or data belonging to BCSA or another user. This includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- XI. Unauthorized dismantling, disconnecting or removing computer equipment, cables or peripherals. Unauthorized changing of settings on computers, including modifications, or removal of software, operating systems security programs, configuration files, etc.

Disciplinary Actions for violating the above guidelines:

- I. Revocation of computer access
- II. Financial restitution
- III. Students: loss of computer use, suspension, financial restitutions, or other penalties as may be appropriate.
- IV. Possible referral for prosecution

Warranties:

Arkansas Arts Academy makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the Internet service. The district will not be responsible for damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Internet is at your own risk. The school district specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through it services.

Student/Staff Agreement

Last Name _____ First Name _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

After reading the Acceptable Use Policy, we understand that technology access is designed for education purposes. I will abide by the stated terms and conditions set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy. It is further understood that violations of the regulations are unethical and may constitute disciplinary actions including revocation of access to technology, or legal actions in the case of criminal activities.

Please Print Parent/Guardian Name

Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____