

OOLOGAH-TALALA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Internet and Other Computer Networks
Acceptable use Policy

The Oologah-Talala Board of Education believes that the use of the Internet and other local and/or wide area networks will further education by promoting the exchange of information and ideas and by providing intra- and inter-district, statewide, national and global opportunities for staff, students and the community. Students will be able to access the Internet under the supervision of their teachers. Individual student and patron accounts and E-mail addresses will not be provided and the user will not be permitted to use a personal account address to send and receive mail at school. However, E-mail addresses will be available to district employees.

Since the Internet constitutes an unregulated collection of educational resources which change constantly, it is not possible to predict or control exactly what resources users may locate. The school district makes no guarantees of the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of materials which a student may encounter. Students will be under teacher supervision; however, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing. Students and other users will refrain from intentionally accessing and downloading any text, picture, or on-line conferencing that includes material which is considered to be obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane, or lewd; advertises any product or service to minors prohibited by law; presents a clear and present danger; or will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations. Users will not solicit or receive any information or service which could result in unauthorized expense to the district.

Users will be courteous and polite. Messages will be concise and not abusive in content or language. Personal information should not be revealed. Records of Internet use will be considered confidential; however, users must be aware that any message or information posted on the Internet may be accessed by others for whom it is not intended. E-mail and downloaded materials will be deleted from the system on a regularly scheduled basis.

Users of the services will respect all copyright and license agreements. Copyrighted software, pictures, or music will not be downloaded for use which violates copyright laws.

An Acceptable Use and Internet Policy agreement will be signed by all persons wishing to use the services provided by the school district.

Violation of the Acceptable Use and Internet Policy will result in forfeiture of all user privileges. Violators shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Pending investigation into a student/staff complaint of inappropriate use of the networks, user privileges will be suspended.

The district shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The district shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

REFERENCE: 21 O.S. S1040.75, S1040.76

**CROSS-REFERENCE Policy Disciplinary Procedures, Certified Employee
Computer Use
Using Copyrighted Materials
Student Discipline**

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