

Schoolcraft Community Schools - Information Access Network

Schoolcraft Community Schools is very happy to be able to offer its students access to the district computer network, with connections from the district to the world via electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the office.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Schoolcraft School District) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far out weigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a SCS-IAN user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access will be denied. Student handbook policies on discipline will apply in such situations. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Students are allowed email from outside sources with access to these accounts being regulated by the class or teacher when that student is under their supervision. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Because of this, Schoolcraft Community Schools, under guidance from the Children's Internet Protection Act, has put in place an Internet filtering web appliance to guard students from viewing much of this offensive material. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. As part of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Schoolcraft Schools will be providing grade-level appropriate education to all students on the following topics:

- safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of electronic communications
- the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information
- the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking") cyberbullying and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online

Schoolcraft Community Schools support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Acceptable Use** – All students must log into the network under their own account or a student group account, which will provide Internet Filtration. The purpose of SCS-IAN is to support research and education through the access and use of the Internet. The use of your account must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of the Schoolcraft Community Schools. Use of any other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US, foreign or international 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 is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
2. **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of those privileges. Along with the revocation of these privileges, consult the student handbook for disciplinary action. The system administration shall deem what is appropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time. Student privacy to files they save is only applied to those files saved to 'personal directories'. The administration does have the right however to monitor those files to check for, and assure that acceptable use is being maintained. The administration, faculty, and staff of Schoolcraft Community Schools may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. Student accounts are not considered private.
3. **Disclaimer** - Schoolcraft Community Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Schoolcraft Community Schools shall not be responsible for any damage suffered by the student user. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the SCS-IAN is at your own risk. Schoolcraft Community School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

4. **Security** - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you identify a security problem on the SCS-IAN you must notify your local system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to log on to the SCS-IAN as a system administrator shall result in cancellation of user privileges. Please consult the student handbook for disciplinary action. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the SCS-IAN. Students are not to bring any removable media to be used in the schools computers without permission from the supervising teacher. This includes, but is not limited to, floppy disks, CD-ROM disks, USB Drives – also know as thumb or jump drives. Students should not be managing Zip, EXE, or MP3 files in their home directories. These files can consume large amounts of memory, and can also be harmful to the network. If there is a need for one of these files please contact the supervisory teacher.
5. **Vandalism** - Vandalism shall result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, compromising or changing the setting of any computers in the district, Internet, or any of the above-listed agencies, or other networks that are connected to the SCS-IAN. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

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**SCS-IAN Student Use Agreement**

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I understand and will abide by the above SCS-IAN Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges shall be revoked and school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action shall be taken.

**User Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**User Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**• PARENTS OR GUARDIAN**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the SCS-IAN Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Student use will be under staff supervision however, while filtration software is in place for students logged on to student computers I recognize it is impossible for the Schoolcraft Community School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision, when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

**Parent or Guardian's Name (please print)**

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**Parent or Guardian's Signature**

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**Dated:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_