

Computer/Online Services Regulations

Acceptable uses of computers and on-line services

Users may only use district computers, networks, and on-line services for the following acceptable uses:

- Learning activities in support of classroom instructional objectives;
- Research supporting classroom objectives

Unacceptable uses of computers and on-line services

Users may not use district computers, networks, and on-line services for unacceptable uses, specifically including but not limited to, the following:

1. Playing games is strictly prohibited during class time. On occasion, students may play instructional games for chapter review purposes only.
2. Default settings including desktop, mouse, screen saver, etc. may not be altered.
3. Use of personal audio players or accessing school computer audio/video players.
4. Damaging or altering the operation of the district's computer network services, or interfering with other users' ability to use district computer network services.
5. Use of proxy sites to access Web sites that are blocked by the district.
6. Accessing/manipulating/copying other students' work.
7. Creating or distributing communications, materials, information, data or images reasonably regarded as threatening, abusive harassing, discriminatory, obscene, or in violation or inconsistent with any Board of Education Policy.
8. Infringing on the rights or liberties of others; using profanity or harassing language as a method to offend or insult others.
9. Illegal or criminal use of any kind.
10. Causing or permitting materials protected by copyright, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade secret, confidentiality or proprietary data, or communications of another, to be uploaded to a computer or information system, published, broadcast, or in any way disseminated without authorization from the owner.
11. Installing or maintaining any hardware or executable software not owned or licensed by the Mentor Board of Education. This includes software in the public domain and "shareware."
12. Granting access to district computers, networks, and on-line services to individuals not authorized.
13. Conducting commercial, profit-motivated, or partisan political activities.
14. Interfering with other users' ability to use district computers, networks, and on-line services; attempting to read, delete, copy, modify or forge information contained in the files of other users.
15. Promoting the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco or unethical practices that violate law or Board of Education policy.
16. Accessing, viewing, printing, storing, transmitting, disseminating or selling any information protected by law or subject to privilege or an expectation of privacy.

Student User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Name of Student _____ Home Phone _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

As a user of Mentor Exempted City School District computers, networks, and on-line services, I will comply with the above policies. I understand that disciplinary action may be taken by school officials for violations of this policy.

Student Signature

Date

As a parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for him/her to access to district computer network services, including e-mail, and Internet services, when provided. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable and accept responsibility for setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when exploring and selecting information sources.

Parent Signature

Date