

Instruction

Computers: Acceptable Use of the Internet

OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Oxford, Connecticut

STUDENT USE OF THE INTERNET
(Acceptable Use Agreement)

In order to provide for the appropriate use of the Internet in keeping with Board of Education policy, the following "Acceptable Use Agreement" has been developed. (A copy of this agreement will be distributed to students and parents for signature before a student is issued an Internet account.)

Terms and Conditions

All computers having Internet access must be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to this Agreement will result in revocation of access privileges.

1. **Acceptable use:** The use of your Internet account must be consistent with the educational objectives of the Oxford School District. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. copyrighted material
 - b. threatening or obscene material
 - c. material protected by trade secret
2. **Privilege:** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator(s) will deem what is inappropriate use and that decision is final. The system administrator(s) may close an account at any time, as required. The administration, faculty and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.
3. **No Warranty:** The Oxford School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Oxford School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer in using the Internet. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Oxford School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this service.

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Privileges

The use of access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges. The administration will deem what is inappropriate use, take appropriate action, and determine the consequence. The classroom teacher or an administrator may deny access at any time as required.

Network Etiquette

The use of Internet access requires that accepted rules of network etiquette be followed. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Be polite. No abusive messages are to be sent.
2. Use appropriate language. Swearing, vulgarities, and any other inappropriate language are not to be used. Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden. (E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.)
3. The personal address or telephone number of any person is not to be revealed. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. E-mail messages are not to be forwarded or distributed without permission from the author.
4. The network is not to be used in such a way as to disrupt its use by others.

Services

The Board of Education or its employees will not be responsible for any damages users may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence or errors or omissions.

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

Your signature on the Acceptable use Agreement is legally binding and indicates that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN

If the user is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian also must sign this Agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the Oxford School District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. I also recognize, however, that it is impossible for the Oxford School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and 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 true and correct.

Parent/Guardian: _____
Please print

Parent/Guardian: _____
Signature

Date: _____