

Acceptable Internet Use Agreement for Students/Staff/Educators using Computers and Technology at Sun River Valley Schools

INTRODUCTION:

All students/staff/educators must hand in a signed acceptable use policy before access to any computer in the building will be granted to them.

Sun River Valley Schools believe that the wide range and diversity of resources that the Internet offers will expand the educational opportunities of our students. However, there is also potential for access to materials inappropriate for student use. Some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We believe, however, that the benefit to students from access to the Internet in the form of information, resources and opportunities for collaboration exceeds any disadvantages.

The following policy outlines responsibilities, the code of conduct, and consequences as they pertain to the Internet, the Local Area Network and the general use of computers at Sun River Valley Schools.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities of Students:

Since the use of an Internet account is a privilege and not a right, intentional inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action by school officials (see Consequences). A student's activities, while using the Internet in school, must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of Sun River Valley Schools. In addition, students should safeguard their Internet access passwords, as any student accessing the Internet from a school site is responsible for all on-line activities that take place through the use of his or her account. The Technology Coordinator can monitor site visits per student account. When using any Internet site, students must comply with rules appropriate for that site.

Responsibilities of Educators:

Educators will be responsible for explaining the Acceptable Internet Use Agreement for Internet/Network Use, for monitoring student activity while on the Internet, for taking reasonable precautions to prevent students from accessing inappropriate sites and for providing consequences for misuse. In order to increase the protection of student accounts and to provide for network security, educators will keep any list of student passwords secure.

Responsibilities of Parents:

Parents and guardians are responsible for reading and discussing with their children the acceptable and unacceptable uses of the Internet as described in this document.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

Sun River Valley School District acknowledges that it is impossible to predict with certainty what information users might locate on the Internet. The electronic information available to users does not imply endorsement by the school of the content, nor does the school make any guarantee as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. The school shall make every effort to see that this educational resource is used responsibly by the user. Therefore, parents/guardians will not hold Sun River Valley Schools responsible for materials acquired on the Internet.

Use of the Internet demands personal responsibility and understanding of acceptable use procedures. Use of the internet is a privilege, not a right. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using the Internet/LAN. Failure to follow the acceptable use procedures may result in the loss of privilege to use this educational tool. If applicable, disciplinary measures will be taken. Everyone accessing the Internet at Sun River Valley Schools must agree to the conditions of this policy and sign the following agreement before using on-line services.

CODE OF CONDUCT GOVERNING BEHAVIOR:

Acceptable Use:

- All use of the Internet/LAN must be in support of educational and research and consistent with the purposes of Sun River Valley Schools.
- Internet/LAN accounts are to be used only by the student authorized to use that account and only for educational purposes.
- Sun River Valley Schools maintain the right to determine whether specific uses of the Internet/LAN are consistent with acceptable practices.
- Sun River Valley Schools reserve the right to alter these rules as we learn new information. Any proposed changes will be clearly announced before they are implemented so that users can always know the rules they are expected to follow.

Unacceptable Use:

- Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the Internet/LAN.
- No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the Internet/LAN by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way.
- Malicious use of the network such as developing programs that harass other users, infiltrating a computer or computing system, including but not limited to viruses, or damaging the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
- Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited on the Internet/LAN. It is unacceptable to use impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language, pictures, photos, or video in either public or private messages.
- Use of the Internet/LAN to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network is prohibited.
- For student protection, personal information regarding users must not be provided across the Internet (e.g., last names, pictures, addresses, telephone numbers, or social security numbers).
- Use of the Internet without the supervision of a teacher or librarian is prohibited. Supervision is defined as having permission from a staff member and having a staff member present in the room.
- Students are responsible for all on-line activities which take place through the use of their account. Students are not to share their password or falsify one's identity while using the Internet/LAN.
- It is unacceptable to use the Internet/LAN for political lobbying.
- Users should not expect that files stored on computer servers will always be private.
- Users shall download files from the Internet only with prior approval of a staff member and with the staff member present in the room.
- Users will not plagiarize the works found on the Internet/LAN. Plagiarism is the use of writing or ideas of others and presenting them as if they were original. Users will represent the rights of copyright owners and works that are protected by copyright.

CONSEQUENCES:

Any student who chooses not to comply with the Sun River Valley School's Acceptable Internet Use agreement will be subject to disciplinary action by school staff and/or administration. Plagiarism and/or copyright violations on school projects, regardless of whether or not the material was accessed through a district-provided computer, shall be interpreted as a violation of this policy and penalized accordingly. Disciplinary action may include temporary or permanent loss of Internet, LAN or computer privileges; or other disciplinary actions that may be deemed necessary. Students may be subject to payment for damages incurred.



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