



# Miller County School System Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Terms and Conditions



## INTERNET

The Internet is often referred to as the "information superhighway." This superhighway consists of a vast network of computers connecting people and resources around the world. The Internet is accessible to anyone with a computer and a modem.

## PROCEDURES FOR USAGE

1. Parent(s) will be invited to attend a Miller County School System Internet Policies Class.
2. Parent(s) must sign the Miller County School System Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Agreement.
3. Students will be instructed on Internet policy and usage.
4. Student must sign Miller County School System Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Agreement.

## NETIQUETTE

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply (See Student Handbook). The Internet is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others related to instructional and academic needs. Access to Internet services will be provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of Internet etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
3. Do not reveal anyone's personal address or phone number.
4. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
5. Do not use the Internet in such a way that you would disrupt its use by others.
6. All communications and information accessible through the Internet should be assumed to be private property.

Remember, the fact that a user **CAN** perform a particular action does not imply that they **SHOULD** take that action.

## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL AND/OR USAGE

Just as certain print materials offend some people, certain materials available on the Internet may also offend. Some sites accessible through the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. However, the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with educational goals.

Examples of unacceptable use are (this list is not all inclusive):

1. Using the Internet for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, use of pornographic and/or terrorist intent.
2. Using the Internet for financial or commercial gain
3. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance
4. Vandalizing the data of another user
5. Wastefully using time and resources
6. Gaining unauthorized access to Internet sites
7. Invading the privacy of individuals
8. Using an account owned by another user
9. Posting personal communications without the author's consent
10. Posting anonymous messages

11. Allowing someone else to use your Internet log in or using someone else's log in
12. Uploading/downloading from the Internet
13. Surfing the Internet
14. Using non-school owned diskettes
15. Any other use deemed inappropriate by administration

**ETHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES**

It is not acceptable to use this Internet access for any purposes which violate the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

Users must adhere to all copyright laws.

**PENALTIES AND REPERCUSSIONS**

Unacceptable uses of the Internet will result in revoking of these privileges for 30 school days for the first offense. On the second offense, privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the semester, and the third offense privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the school year. In order for the student to regain Internet access, he/she must repeat the application process the following school year. Any violations will be documented in the student's permanent record. Repeated Internet policy violations may result in the Internet privileges being permanently revoked.

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**AGREEMENT**

STUDENT'S FULL NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Agreement: (If under 18 years of age.) Signature required for all student Internet Access Privileges**

As the parent or guardian of this child, I have read the Miller County School System Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Terms and Conditions. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the Miller County School System has taken some available precautions to eliminate controversial materials. I will **not** hold the Miller County School System responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. I hereby give permission to issue Internet privileges for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. I may withdraw my permission at any time and my child's access privileges will be canceled within twenty-four hours (working days only). I understand that the Miller County School System may cancel my child's access privileges at any time for Internet policy violation.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Agreement:**

I understand and will abide by the Miller County School System Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Terms and Conditions. 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 may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action may be initiated.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

User Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_