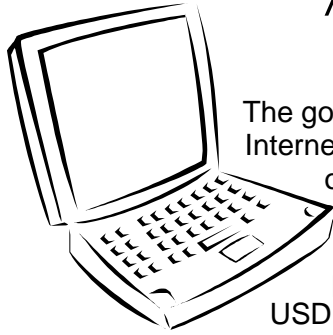


USD 475 Network/Internet Acceptable Use Procedures



The goal of USD 475 is to maximize the educational benefits of network and Internet capacities. To better prepare students for the future, USD 475 provides opportunities for students to problem solve, manage, and retrieve information, think creatively, and communicate effectively. These skills can also be reinforced through technology, giving the students additional preparation for an information-based society and technological workplace. USD 475 is committed to making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to all students and staff members.

Computer Use Guidelines

- All users must comply with these **Acceptable Use Procedures**
- Students and staff are to use the Network / Internet for research and educational purposes
- School-appropriate conduct is expected when using computers, the network and the Internet
- Students will be supervised
- The privileges of any user can be revoked for inappropriate behavior
- The definition of inappropriate behavior/use of the internet or network will be determined by the administration and/or staff
- Instructional use of the Internet by a teacher may include whole group instruction to all students
- Users will keep passwords secure
- Users may encounter material that is controversial, inappropriate, or offensive and shall report any incidents to the Technology Department. Further, the user shall not initiate access to such material
- Material retrieved through Internet access is governed by U.S. Copyright regulations.
- Parents/guardians may request that their student be denied permission for individual access to the Internet while at school by notifying the student's school in writing.

Unacceptable Use

- Sending or downloading offensive messages and pictures
- Bullying, harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Using the network for commercial or financial gain
- Damaging computers, electronic media, or computer networks
- Vandalizing the data of another user or other networks
- Using another's password, folders, or files
- Unauthorized use of copyrighted material
- Posting anonymous messages
- Willfully accessing unauthorized or inappropriate Internet content

Unacceptable use may result in disciplinary action (i.e. cancellation of privileges, detention, and expulsion). A person using electronic media for terrorist activities will be subject to legal action.

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