

Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy

Use of the Jackson School District network is a privilege, not a right, and entails responsibility. Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed.

The school district's network has a limited educational purpose. Activities that are acceptable on the JGS network include classroom activities, career development, and high-quality personal research. You may not use JGS network for entertainment purposes (except for those periods of time that the school has designated as "open access"). The JGS network is not a public access service or a public forum, and the Jackson School District has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system.

Users are prohibited from sending or receiving the following types of material on the network:

- Any materials which are profane or obscene (pornography, advocates or condones unlawful or dangerous acts, advocates or condones violence or discrimination towards other people {hate literature});
- Material without an educational purpose such as for the purposes of entertainment;
- Personal information on students. Emailing or placing personally identifiable information on the school website concerning a student raises significant FERPA (Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act) issues.

In addition, the following are not permitted:

- Harassing, insulting or attacking communication
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks, unauthorized access, "hacking," and other unlawful activities
- Downloading or installing any program from the Internet or other source without the network supervisor's permission
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password or allowing another user to use your password
- Trespassing in, deleting or moving another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to circumvent the filter and access objectionable materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility

for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media. The District employs a CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act) approved web filter (Internet filtering policy available upon request).

The Jackson School District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. In addition, parents may be held financially responsible for any harm to the system as a result of a student's intentional misuse.

Inappropriate use of the JGS network may result in a cancellation of use privileges. The system administrators will deem what is appropriate use and their decision is final. The system administrator may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff may request the administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts. Any student identified as a security risk may be denied access.

The Jackson School District Technology Coordinator is responsible for administration and monitoring of the JGS network and website. Teachers and other staff members are responsible for the oversight and management of individual class and subject area web pages. Material on all web pages sponsored by the district must be updated on a monthly basis. All users with access to the JGS network must sign a User Agreement, acknowledging the receipt of this AUP. All executed user agreements will be maintained in individual school building administrative offices.

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