

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Internet and other types of distance learning may be used as instructional technologies for the purposes of finding and retrieving information and doing collaborative work in accordance with the mission statements and desired learner outcomes of the Mississinewa Community School Corporation. Our students and staff now have access to devices that will enable them to access public domain software and shareware of all types, discussion groups involving most any topic, as well as access to many university library catalogs, the Library of Congress and information and news from NASA, and communicate with people (ie. experts) from around the globe.

Access to the Internet at Mississinewa will be regarded as a privilege and not a right. Students interested in utilizing the Internet through the districts access must first obtain permission to use equipment from a Mississinewa instructional staff member such as the student's teacher or another member of the school's administrative or teaching staff. It is expected that student access to the Internet will be structured in ways that point students to those resources and have been evaluated prior to use. Students using the Internet, provided by the school district, are expected to exhibit behavior, while engaged on-line, consistent with the standards established in the Mississinewa Schools policy on student discipline. Parents will be notified if their student's privileges have been suspended. Parents shall be given the option to request alternate activities to accessing the Internet.

With the use of district-owned, school-based computers, users shall not have or claim to have any expectation of privacy with regard to the storage of files or information. The use of memory, storage, and Internet access will be treated like school lockers. The professional staff may review all files and message exchanges on the systems in order to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly and consistent with the acceptable use standards.

Inappropriate usage by adults and students of the Mississinewa Community Schools' Internet/electronic communications capacity may result in termination of access. Inappropriate usage may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any local, state, or federal statute,
2. Accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials,
3. Transmitting obscene, abusive, or sexually explicit language,
4. Vandalizing, damaging, or disabling the property of another person or organization,
5. Accessing another person's materials, information, or files without the direct permission of that person,
6. Accessing material or resources which result in the Mississinewa School Corporation receiving an unauthorized billing,
7. Violating copyright, or otherwise using another person's property without his or her prior approval or proper citation,

8. Extensive use for noncurriculum-related communication, including chatrooms and email. Email is allowed only before or after school hours under adult supervision.

The Mississinewa Community School Corporation cannot be held liable for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties. In addition, the Mississinewa Community School Corporation cannot be held accountable for the information that is retrieved via the network.

Mississinewa Community School Corporation Computer Use Agreement

I understand and will abide by the above rules and regulations regarding computer use. I further understand that any violations of the regulations above is unethical and may result in the loss of my computer access privileges as well as disciplinary action.

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the parent or guardian of the above student, I have read the User Agreement. I understand this access is designed for educational purposes. I also understand it is impossible for the Mississinewa Community School Corporation to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them 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, the undersigned, have read and discussed the above information with my child and agree to abide by statements provided in this policy.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____