



Muscatine Community School District Network and Internet Usage Agreement Student

We are pleased to offer students in the Muscatine Community School District access to District computers for Local network and Internet access. To obtain Network and/or Internet access, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office. *

Access to the Network and/or Internet will enable students to access local applications, and information potentially throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other 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. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Muscatine Community School District will support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Network and Internet Rights and Responsibilities

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students to conduct research. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required and students who do not have such permission are responsible for not accessing the Internet at school. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior over those networks. It is expected that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on District servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech to access information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide students toward appropriate materials.

The following are not permitted:

- ❖ Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- ❖ Using obscene language
- ❖ Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- ❖ Violating copyright laws
- ❖ Using another's password
- ❖ Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- ❖ Utilizing the network for commercial purposes or personal gain
- ❖ Deliberate damage to hardware or software
- ❖ Use of District computers for illegal activities

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. For more information, see School Board Policies 601.15 and 601.15 (2).

** This agreement is incorporated into the district enrollment form. Checking "yes" on the district enrollment form is as binding as signing this form. This form may be in effect for the duration that the student is in each separate building.*