

4.29---COMPUTER USE POLICY

The Prairie Grove School District makes computers and/or computer Internet access available to students, to permit students to perform research and to allow students to learn how to use computer technology. Use of district computers is for educational and/or instructional purposes only. It is the policy of this school district to assure each computer on the network utilizes the State of Arkansas' 8e6 content filter which is designed to prevent users from accessing material that is harmful to minors. *No student will be granted internet access until and unless a computer-use agreement, signed by both the student and the parent or legal guardian (if the student is under the age of eighteen [18]) is on file. The current version of the computer use agreement is incorporated by reference into board policy and is considered part of the student handbook.

Students are advised that they enjoy no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their computer use, including email, and or monitoring of student computer use is continuous. Students who misuse district-owned computers or Internet access in any way, including using computers except as directed or assigned by staff or teachers, using computers to violate any other policy or contrary to the computer use agreement, attempting to defeat or bypass Internet filtering software, or using the computer to access or create sexually explicit or pornographic text or graphics, will face disciplinary action, as specified in the student handbook** and/or computer use agreement.

*The designated District Technology Administrator or designee may authorize the disabling of the filter to enable access by an adult for a bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

** For your student handbook, add progressive discipline - First offense consequence, second offense consequence, etc.

Legal References: 20 USC 6801 et seq. (Children's Internet Protection Act; PL 106-554)

A.C.A. § 6-21-107

A.C.A. § 6-21-111

4.29---STUDENT INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

Student's Name (Please Print) _____ Grade Level _____

School _____ Date _____

The _____ School District agrees to allow the student identified above ("Student") to use the district's technology to access the Internet under the following terms and conditions:

1. **Conditional Privilege:** The Student's use of the district's access to the Internet is a privilege condition on the Student's abiding to this agreement. No student may use the district's access to the Internet unless the Student and his/her parent or guardian have read and signed this agreement.
2. **Acceptable Use:** The Student agrees that he/she will use the District's Internet access for **Educational** purposes only. In using the Internet, the Student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations. The Student also agrees to abide by any Internet use rules instituted at the Student's school or class, whether those rules are written or oral.
3. **Penalties for Improper Use:** If the Student violates this agreement and misuses the Internet, the Student shall be subject to disciplinary action. [**Note: A.C.A. § 6-21-107 requires that district to have "...provisions for administration of punishment of students for violations of the policy with stiffer penalties for repeat offenders, and the same shall be incorporated into the district's written student disciplinary policy."** You may choose to tailor your punishments to be appropriate to the school's grade levels.]
4. **"Misuse of the District's access to the Internet"** includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Using the Internet for other than educational purposes;
 - b. Gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are "harmful to minors" as defined by Arkansas law;
 - c. Using the Internet for any illegal activity; including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
 - d. Making unauthorized copies of computer software;
 - e. Accessing "chat lines";
 - f. Using abusive or profane language in private messages in the system; or using the system to harass, insult, or verbally attack others;
 - g. Posting anonymous messages on the system;
 - h. Using encryption software;
 - i. Wasteful use of limited resources provided by the school including paper;
 - j. Causing congestion of the network through lengthy downloads of files;
 - k. Vandalizing data of another user;
 - l. Obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
 - m. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files;
 - n. Identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
 - o. Invading the privacy of individuals;

- p. Divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email. Personally identifying information includes full names, address, and phone number.
 - q. Using the network for financial or commercial gain without district permission;
 - r. Theft or vandalism of data, equipment, or intellectual property;
 - s. Attempting to gain access or gaining access to student records, grades, or files;
 - t. Introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the system;
 - u. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance;
 - v. Creating a web page or associating a web page with the school or school district without proper authorization;
 - w. Providing access to the District's Internet Access to unauthorized individuals;
 - x. Failing to obey school or classroom Internet use rules; or
 - y. Taking part in an activity related to Internet use which creates a clear and present danger of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district of any of its schools.
 - z. Installing or downloading software on district computers without prior approval of the technology director or his/her designee.
 - aa. Students will only be allowed to use school supplied email accounts on the District provided Internet access, no other emails accounts will be allowed;
 - bb. Listening/watching streaming audio and/or video that are not approved by the Technology Administrator and/or his/her designee.
 - cc. Bringing or Installing Personal Technology hardware or software on the District Network is prohibited.
5. Liability for debts: Students and the cosigners shall be liable for any and all costs (debts) incurred through the student's use of the computers or the Internet including penalties for copyright violations.
 6. No Expectation of Privacy: The Student and parent/guardian signing below agree that if the Student uses the Internet through the District's access, that the Student waives any right to privacy the Student may have for such use. The Student and the parent/guardian agree that the district may monitor the Student's use of the District's Internet Access and may also examine all system activities the Student participates in, including but not limited to e-mail, voice, and video transmissions, to ensure proper use of the system. The District may share such transmissions with the Student's parents/guardians.
 7. No Guarantees: The District will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent and the Student recognize that the District makes no guarantees about preventing about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the Student.
 8. Signatures: We, the persons who have signed below, have read this agreement and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Note: The Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (PL 106-554, 47 USC 254 (h)(1)) require districts to hold at least one public hearing on its proposed safety policy. The regulations do not require this to be a special meeting and it is allowable for it to be part of a regular school board meeting.