

Mt. Pleasant High School

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Technology and Telecommunications

Part 1. Internet and Network Activity

- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools is dedicated to providing network and Internet access for students to enhance learning and exchange information. The primary use of school and district networks and resources must be in support of education, research, and the educational goals and objectives of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

In exchange for the privilege of using network and Internet resources, either at school or away from school, the student agrees to comply with the following:

- A. **The use of the network and the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked by the district at any time and for any reason. The use of any non-district network by devices such as, but not limited to, laptops and cell phones, is strictly prohibited.** Appropriate reasons for revoking privileges include, but are not limited to: unauthorized altering any of the district hardware or software and the placing of unauthorized information, computer viruses or harmful programs on or through the computer system in either public or private files or messages. The district reserves the right to determine what is unauthorized or inappropriate use, remove files, limit or deny access, and refer the student for other disciplinary actions.
- B. The district reserves the rights to any material stored in files which are generally accessible to others and will remove any material which the district, at its sole discretion, believes to be inappropriate or illegal, including, but not limited to: **defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented/pornographic, bullying, threatening, racially offensive, unlawful, harassing, or otherwise objectionable.** Students will not use the district-approved computer account/access to obtain, view, download, transmit, submit, post, publish, display and otherwise gain access to such materials.
- C. The use of district and/or network resources for personal profit or other unauthorized purposes in any form is expressly forbidden.
- D. The district and/or network resources are intended for the exclusive use by their registered users. The student is responsible for the use of his/her account and access privilege. Use of an account by someone other than the registered account holder is grounds for loss of access privileges. (See Part II.)
- E. Any misuse of the account will result in suspension of the account privileges and/or other disciplinary action determined by the district. Misuse shall include, but not be limited to:
 - intentionally seeking information, obtaining copies of or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
 - misrepresenting other users on the network.

- disrupting the operation of the network through abuse of the hardware/software.
 - using the network for hate mail, harassment, profanity, vulgar statements, discriminatory remarks, or political lobbying.
 - interfering with others use of the network.
 - using the network for non-curriculum-related purposes, including, but not limited to, instant messaging, network messaging, chat rooms, games.
 - installing copyrighted or unlicensed software illegally, including disk-based or computer-based games.
 - unauthorized down-loading, copying, or using of licensed or copyrighted software.
 - attempting to and/or circumventing the filter system or access control.
 - inappropriate use of external storage devices, such as, but not limited to, flash drives, memory cards, and external hard drives.
- F. The student may not transfer shareware or software from information services and electronic bulletin boards without the permission of a supervising teacher. The student will be liable to pay the cost or fee of any shareware or software intentionally transferred without such permission.
- G. For each file received through a file transfer, the student agrees to check the file with a virus-detection program before opening the file for use. Should the student intentionally transfer a file, shareware, or software which infects the network with a virus and causes damage, the student will be liable for repair costs to make the network fully operational. The student also may be subject to disciplinary measures determined by the district.
- H. The student may only log on and use the network under the supervision of a staff member and only with his/her authorized account number.
- I. The district and/or network does not guarantee that the functions of the system will meet any specific requirements the user may have, or that it will be error free or uninterrupted; nor shall it be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or time).
- J. The district and/or network will periodically determine whether specific uses of network are consistent with the acceptable-use practice.
- K. The district and network reserve the right to log and monitor Internet use and fileserver space.
- L. It is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and the school district is not responsible for any such material acquired from the district Internet/network.

Part II: Consequences of Inappropriate Internet/Network Behavior

Violations of the guidelines listed earlier will result in staff intervention or other disciplinary measures. These actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Administrator/student conference or reprimand
- Administrator/parent contact
- Student's attendance at a training session to learn the proper operational procedures for computer and/or related equipment
- Referrals and conferences involving various support staff or agencies, including the school liaison officer
- Behavioral contracts
- Confiscation of inappropriate item(s)
- Banned from using all computer equipment, networks, or the Internet for a time to be determined.
- Suspension from one (1) to ten (10) days
- Restitution/restoration

Please sign and return this portion to your MPHS media center.

Upon signing this form, each student will receive an individual user account.

For the privilege of using the district and/or network resources and having access to the information contained on the network, I hereby release the district, network, and their operators and administration from any claims, arising from my use or inability to use the district and/or network resources.

I agree to abide by such rules and regulations as may be added by the district and/or network. These rules will be available in printed form in the principal's office.

Print name of student

Year of graduation

Student Number

Signature of student

Date

e-mail address

As the student's parent or legal guardian, I agree to the provisions of this document.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date