

Student Agreement for Internet and Computer Use

Internet and network access are provided for students to enhance the educational process. Students will be supervised when using the Internet, but students are solely responsible for their actions when using the Internet. In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) an Internet filter has been installed on the main Internet server at the Berrien RESA office. This program's function is to block objectionable sites that provide sexist, violent, racist, or other demeaning content. Any attempt to bypass this filter is a major offense and will result in the loss of Internet access for a period of time to be determined by school administrators. Unacceptable use of the Internet will result in cancellation of Internet access and possible fines for damages.

Level I Offenses (Penalty for non compliance equals 1 month excluding vacation days)

- Intentionally disrupting the network or other users.
- Accessing outside networks while in school or adding networks within the school.
- Use of the Internet for other than educational or research purposes consistent with district policies.
- Unauthorized use (plagiarism) of copyrighted material.
- Downloading of games, software, or music.
- Changing screen savers, backgrounds, or settings without permission.
- Use of electronic communications during the school day without permission of a teacher or administrator.
- Defiance of authority. Example: Being on the Internet during class without the approval of the teacher.
- Sharing your id and/or password or the use of another user's logon and password.
- Playing computer or network games unrelated to curriculum objectives

Level II Offenses (Penalty for non compliance equals 1 marking period)

- Vandalism - Vandalism will result in the cancellation of the user's privileges and possible fines to pay for damage incurred. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, the network, or a computer.
- Harassment. Harassment is persistent annoyance of another user including the sending of unwanted messages.
- Buying or selling of goods and materials using the school's computers.
- Use of chat rooms, messaging, social networking sites or list serves unless approved by the teacher.

Level III Offenses (Penalty for non compliance equals 1 calendar year)

- Accessing, possession, or distribution of threatening or obscene material in print or digital form. This includes, but is not limited to, sexist, racist, violent, pornographic, or satanic material.
- Attempts to bypass the security on a computer, the Internet filter or network security tools. This includes denial of service attacks and activities commonly known as "cracking" or "hacking."
- Attempts to change the configuration of a computer unless it is a class activity.

A 2nd offense for a violation at level I or level II will result in the loss of Internet use for a minimum of 1 semester. A 3rd offense will result in the loss of Internet access for the remainder of school year. Serious offenses may incur school board action or prosecution. In addition, a student's book deposit may be used to cover a portion of the cost of any damages incurred. Parents may be billed for the remaining cost of labor and materials to repair damages.

Students, who complete this form and agree to the above rules, will receive an id and password. The id and password will allow the student to access the internet and their own backup directory to store their files as appropriate.

I understand and agree to abide by the Access and ID rules as published for Coloma Community Schools. If I see a security issue I will inform a teacher or administrator. Before using any electronic media such as a pen drive or CD, I agree to have the media examined for copyright agreement compliance and for viruses, spyware or other files that may damage the computer or the network.

Student
Signature _____ Print name _____ Date _____

The above named student has my permission to use the Internet and computers at the Coloma Community Schools under the conditions set forth by the school. I have read and understand all the rules listed above. I hereby release the district, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the district's system, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from the use of the system to purchase products or services.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

If a student turns 18 before the start of the school year, a parent's signature is not required.

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