

PALMYRA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Acceptable Use of Internet and Network Resources Policy
All Students

Purpose:

Internet and network resources will be used to support the district curriculum, the educational community, projects between schools, communications, and research for district students, teachers, administrators, and staff.

Procedures:

Palmyra School District reserves the right to log and monitor Internet use, computer network activity, and filespace utilization by district users. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers.

Network administrators, school administrator, and/or faculty may review student and staff files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students and staff are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers or computers will be private. Palmyra School District reserves the right to remove a user account from the network to prevent further unauthorized or illegal activity. Palmyra School District reserves the right to log and monitor e-mail.

Students and parents/guardian must complete and sign an Internet, network agreement to access the Internet. All signed permission forms will be kept on file.

Acceptable Use Policy

1. Use of the Internet and computer technology must be in support of the educational program and Palmyra School District.
2. The Internet and computer technology will not be used for illegal activity, lobbying, transmitting offensive materials, hate mail, discriminating remarks, or obtaining or distributing obscene or pornographic material.
3. Users shall not intentionally access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission.
4. Use of school technology or Internet connectivity for fraudulent or illegal copying, communication, taking, or modification of material in violation of law is prohibited and will be referred to the appropriate authorities.
5. Loading, distribution, or use of unauthorized games, programs, music, files, or other electronic media is prohibited.
6. The illegal use of copyrighted software, materials, or files is prohibited.
7. The network will not be used to disrupt the work of others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.

8. The user will be responsible for damages to the equipment, systems, and software resulting from careless, deliberate, or willful acts.
9. Any attempt to circumvent security measures on the school district network is prohibited. Users should report any security problems to the school administration, faculty, and/or technology staff.
10. Users are not permitted to access the schools network using personal computers while at school.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use:

Failure to follow the procedures and prohibitions listed above may result in the loss of the right of access to network resources. Other appropriate disciplinary procedures may take place, as needed, for students and employees.

Illegal use of the network, intentional deletion or damage to files or data belonging to others, copyright violations, or theft of services may be reported to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR UNACCEPTABLE USE BY STUDENTS:

1. First Violation:
Parent conference and revoking Internet and/or school district computer use for 45 consecutive school days.
2. Second Violation:
Parent conference and revoking Internet and/or school district computer use for one full school year.
3. Third Violation:
Parent conference and revoking Internet and/or school district computer use for the remaining time period that the individual is a Palmyra student.

Student Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____