



Wasatch County School District

# Student Acceptable Use Policy

For Electronic Information Resources - Secondary

## Introduction

Electronic information resources are available to qualifying students of Wasatch School District. These resources include access to the Wasatch School District Network, Utah Education Network, and Internet services. The goal in providing electronic services to students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, access to current research information, innovation, and communication.

## Scope

Use of the electronic information resources in the School District shall be to improve and support the educational process by providing access to global information and improving communication between students, employees of Wasatch County School District, parents, and community members. With this global access comes the availability of materials that may be considered to be inappropriate, illegal, or of no professional or educational value in the context of the school or office setting. Wasatch School District strives to take all available precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials.

## Acceptable Uses

All Internet or computer equipment use shall be consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies of the School District. It is imperative that users of the network or computer equipment conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, moral, and polite manner. All participants must abide by all local, state, and federal laws. The Internet user accepts the responsibility of adhering to high standards of conduct and the terms and conditions set forth in all parts of this policy.

## Impermissible Network, Internet, and Computer Equipment Uses

The following uses of the network, Internet, and computer equipment are prohibited:

1. Any violation of applicable school or district policy or public law by such use;
2. Any activity that is immoral or contrary to the high moral standards which must be maintained in an educational setting;
3. Any attempt to bypass state, district, or school security (e.g. bypassing proxies, password theft, explicitly compromising servers or work stations) is forbidden;
4. Accessing or transmitting of immoral, obscene, pornographic, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, defaming, harassing, threatening, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate images or information, or receiving such information from others;
5. Any commercial use, product advertisement, display of private information, or promotion of political candidates or issues including lobbying for student body office;
6. Any violation of copyright, trade secret, or trademark laws;
7. Any attempt to damage, disrupt, or interfere with the use of any computer electronic information resource;
8. Any attempt to access information beyond the user's authorized access to any electronic information resource;
9. Any destruction, defacement, theft, or altering of school district equipment;
10. Any storing or accessing of illegal, inappropriate, or obscene material on district-owned electronic equipment; and
11. Excessive non-school related computer use during school hours.

## Terms and Conditions of this Acceptable Use Agreement

Each student applying for an account will participate in a discussion with a teacher regarding proper behavior and use of the network. The student signature at the end of this Acceptable Use Agreement is legally binding. The combined signatures also indicate the student and parent/guardian have carefully read and understand the terms and conditions of appropriate use and agree to abide.

## Privilege

The use of electronic information resources is a privilege, not a right. The information produced from network access or computer use shall be deemed the property of the School District. This is confidential information to the user unless it is transmitted to others with the user's permission. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of suspension or loss of computer-access privileges) and/or referral to legal authorities.

## Monitoring

The School District reserves the right to monitor and review any material on any machine at anytime in order for the District to determine any inappropriate use of network services. The district will make every attempt to comply with the state and federal

guidelines set forth in Utah State Law and CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act). The principal/supervisor or systems administrator may limit, suspend, or revoke the use of the network and/or Internet access for violations of the acceptable use agreement.

### **Encounter of Controversial Material**

Internet users may encounter material that is controversial which the user or administrator may consider inappropriate or offensive. The district has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials through a filtering and monitoring system. However, it is impossible on a global Internet to control access to all data which a user may discover. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material. Any site or material that is deemed controversial should be reported immediately to the appropriate teacher or administrator. The School District expressly disclaims any obligation to discover all violations of inappropriate internet access.

### **Internet Safety Training and Network Etiquette**

Wasatch School District will provide students with training for appropriate online behavior. Training will include, but not be limited to, chat rooms, social networking sites, cyberbullying awareness and response. Each account holder is expected to abide by the generally-accepted rules of user etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following: Be polite; never send or encourage others to send abusive messages; and use appropriate language. You may be alone on a computer, but what you write, send, or receive can be viewed globally! Remember that you are a student of the Wasatch School District and a representative of your school on a non-private system. Use electronic communications appropriately: no sales, advertisements, or solicitations, etc. E-mail or messaging on the network is not private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal or inappropriate activities, as described in this Acceptable Use Agreement, must be reported to the appropriate principal/supervisor or systems administrator.

### **Technology Protection Measures and Security**

Wasatch County School District will implement technology protection measures and security procedures on Internet access to protect against unacceptable use. Students are responsible for the security of their computer equipment, files, and passwords. Students are responsible for any accounts they may have. It is advised to not reveal personal information, such as, home address, phone number, password, credit card numbers, or social security number. This also applies to others' personal information or that of organizations. Sharing of any usernames or passwords to anyone is not permissible and may result in the loss of account privileges. Students will be held accountable for any activity under their user account. Any security violations by students must be reported to school/site administrators.

### **Vandalism**

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy property of the user, another user, or of any other agencies or networks that are connected to the network or the Internet system. Vandalism also includes, but is not limited to, abusive overloading of data on the network or servers; or the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses. Any engagement in network vandalism constitutes unacceptable use.

### **Service Disclaimer**

The Wasatch School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Wasatch School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer while on this system. These damages may include, but are not limited to, loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. Wasatch School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through electronic information resources.

### **Terms of Use**

1. Only registered students of the School District qualify for Internet access under this policy.
2. Only the authorized users who have signed the user agreement shall have Internet access. Users are ultimately responsible for all activity while using the Internet.
3. The school principal, vice-principal, and/or responsible teacher may suspend or terminate any computer user's access for any reason whatsoever.
4. All Internet or computer equipment access by a Student is automatically terminated upon the withdrawal, graduation, or expulsion of the student from the School District.
5. All student computer use must have teacher/staff supervision.

### **Penalties for Improper Use**

Any violation of this policy or applicable state and federal laws may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of termination) and/or referral to legal authorities. The site administrator/supervisor or systems administrator may limit, suspend, or

revoke access to electronic resources at any time.

## USER AGREEMENT

### Student:

I understand and will abide by the Wasatch County School District Student Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the above Student Acceptable Use Policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, I realize that my access privileges may be revoked and other disciplinary action may be taken (which could include appropriate legal action).

I have read this Student Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and understand that my computer use in the school district is being monitored and filtered. I hereby agree to comply with the above-described conditions of acceptable use.

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian:

If a student is under age eighteen (18), a parent or guardian must read and sign this document. As the parent or guardian of the above-signed student, I have read the Student Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for Wasatch County School District or Utah Education Network to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the district or staff responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. Further, I accept full responsibility if and when my child is found in violation of this computer use policy.

I hereby give permission to allow access to the Computer network and the Internet for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

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Parent or Legal Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not give permission to allow access to the Internet for my child.

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