

Part 1 – Acceptable Use Policy

1. Introduction and Overview

The primary purpose of School District 70 Learning Resources Network is to support and enhance learning and teaching that prepares students for success. Providing access to SD70's network and the internet is an investment in the future of both our students and staff.

2. Types of Access Provided to Users

Users in SD70 must ensure that all materials accessed are consistent with district-adopted guides, supporting and enriching the curriculum while taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles, learning abilities and development levels of the students. Furthermore, users are to behave in an ethical and responsible manner while using school computers as they are expected to behave during any other school activity.

3. Vision of Technology's Role in Education

The staff in SD70 believes that electronic communication is a tool for life-long learning, and that access to SD70's network and the internet is one of the resources that promote educational and organizational excellence. We believe the responsible use the network will assist schools with their understanding of information age by allowing students and staff to significantly expand their knowledge by accessing and using information resources, and by analyzing, collaborating, and publishing information.

4. Terms and conditions for acceptable and unacceptable uses

Students and staff should use SD70's network and the internet in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. The use of SD70's network and the internet is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate behavior. Users must be vigilant in ensuring the security of the network. **Users must not engage in chatroom conversations, download or install software, download music or movies.** Users must not give out personal information (complete names, addresses, telephone numbers, and identifiable photos). No user can give information about another user without permission and especially if the other user is a minor. Personal information about minors cannot be disseminated over the Internet, without permission. Users assume responsibility for understanding the policy and guidelines as a condition of using SD70's network and the internet. **Staff members are accountable to teach and use SD70's network and the internet responsibly.** Use of SD70's network and the internet that is inconsistent with this policy may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

5. Implementation and enforcement procedures

To access the SD70's network and the internet, student users must sign the AUP consent form (see #8 below) along with a parent/guardian signature. Each user will be given their own password to access the system. All users must protect their password and not share it with anyone else.

6. Consequences of misuse for specific levels of violations

Violations of school and school district networked information resources policies could result in the loss of access to electronic resources. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building and/or classroom level in line with existing practice regarding language and behavior. This may range from loss of access to suspension from school. When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

7. Administrative level chain of command

Responsibility for acceptable use of the SD70's network and the internet and the Internet lies with the user. The following flowchart outlines the school district's chain of command for addressing issues. Depending on the issue, some of the links below may be skipped:

User>Supervising staff>IT Staff>Administrator>District Administrator>Law Enforcement

8. Agreements and consents

See below

Acceptable Use Agreement Consent Form

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To access the school district network, all sections below must be completed and returned to your child's teacher.

Student Name: _____
Please Print

Staff Permission: Staff member's name: Mr. D. M Olson

The above student has my permission to apply for Internet access. Student access will be used to pursue educational objectives through student-conducted communication, research and other instructionally related activities. Alternative activities will be provided if access to networked information resources is refused or unavailable.

Staff Signature: Mr. D. M Olson Date: 19/09/2006

Student and Parent/Guardian Agreements:

Please read and/or discuss the Acceptable Use Agreement with your child. In accepting an account, your child accepts the responsibility of using the network in a responsible and appropriate manner. It is important that you understand his/her responsibilities as well. Your signature indicating that you have read and agreed to the guidelines is necessary before an account will be issued.

I have read, or have had read to me, and/or have discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement and agree to use the network in an appropriate and responsible manner.

Student Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

I have read and/or discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my student and give the school and the school district permission to issue an Internet account to my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

The school district supports and respects each family's decision whether or not to apply for student access and whether to terminate or suspend that access. Parents/guardians have the right to request alternative activities that do not require access to networked information resources. Access, if issued, shall remain in effect through the remainder of this school year, unless suspended or terminated by the student, the school, or the parent or guardian.

