



STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- As a student of Portland Public Schools, you agree to not only follow the rules in this Policy, but also to report any misuse of the network.
- Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Portland Public Schools.

TERM OF THE PERMITTED USE

Use of the PPS computer network and the Internet is a **privilege**, not a right.

ACCEPTABLE USES: Educational Purposes Only

Netiquette. All users must abide by rules of network etiquette, which include the following:

- Be polite
- Avoid language and uses that may be offensive to other users
- Do not assume that a sender of e-mail is giving his or her permission for you to forward or redistribute the message to third parties or to give his/her e-mail address to third parties.
- Be considerate when sending attachments with e-mail. Be sure that the file is not too large to be accommodated by the recipient's system and is in a format that the recipient can open.

UNACCEPTABLE USES:

- uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law
- uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property
- uses that jeopardize the security of student access and of the computer network or other networks on the Internet
- uses that are commercial transactions

INTERNET SAFETY

- **General Warning - Individual Responsibility of Parents and Users.** All users and their parents/guardians are advised that access to the electronic network may include the potential for access to materials inappropriate for school-aged pupils.
- **Personal Safety. Be safe.** In using the computer network and Internet, do not reveal personal information such as your full name, home address or telephone number.
- **"Hacking" and Other Illegal Activities.** It is a violation of this Policy to use the Portland Public Schools computer network or the Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems, or to attempt to gain such unauthorized access.
- **Confidentiality of Student Information.** Personally identifiable information concerning students may not be disclosed or used in any way on the Internet without the permission of a parent or guardian or, if the student is 18 or over, the permission of the student himself/herself.

PRIVACY

Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for your education. PPS reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and remain the property of Portland Public Schools and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

***FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS
OF ACCESS TO PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPUTERS AND NETWORK!***