

931. INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE (Approved 9-7-04)

A.Purpose Statement. Independent School District No. 33 of Creek County, Oklahoma (the District) provides students and employees access to the District's computer network system, including Internet access, to expand informational and communication resources. This policy outlines the users' rights and responsibilities that are assumed with use of the District resources.

B.Internet Access - Terms and Conditions.

1. Internet Filtering - Material may be available on the Internet which is inappropriate for distribution to children and is not considered to be of educational value by the District. This District believes that the value of the information and interaction available on the Internet outweighs the possibility that students and employees may procure material which is not consistent with our educational goals. While it is impossible to control all material available on the Internet, the District has installed filtering software to block material deemed inappropriate. This filter is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Filtering guidelines are driven by educational need and access to information shall not be restricted or denied solely because of the political, religious or philosophical content of the material.
2. Acceptable Use - The use of the District system **will be monitored by district personnel** and must be in support of education and consistent with the educational objectives of the District. The transmission or receipt of any material in violation of any United States or state law or regulation and the transmission or receipt of any

material inconsistent with the educational objectives of the District is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to material that:

- a. Libels: meaning making a false statement about a specific individual, this tends to harm the individual's reputation.
 - b. Promotes group defamation and hate: meaning material which disparages a group or a member of a group on the basis of race, religious affiliation, ethnic or national origin, gender identity or preference, handicapped condition, or advocates illegal conduct or violence or discrimination toward any particular group or people. This includes racial and religious epithets, slurs, and abuse.
 - c. Displays or promotes unlawful products or services: meaning material which advertises or advocates the use of products or services prohibited by law from being sold or provided to minor.
 - d. Disrupts school operations: meaning material which, on the basis of past experience or based upon specific instances of actual, or threatened disruptions relating to the information or material in question, is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation of school activities or school discipline.
 - e. Contains material which is vulgar, lewd, indecent, or obscene: meaning material which, taken as a whole, (1) an average person would deem improper for access by or distribution to minors because of sexual connotations or profane language and (2) material which, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
3. Privilege of Use - Use of the District system is a privilege afforded to students, staff and employees of the District. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. Inappropriate use is any use prohibited by the terms of this policy or use determined by

District's Instructional Technology Director or Administrative representative to be inappropriate under particular facts and circumstances.

4. Inappropriate Use - Each system user is expected to comply with District policies governing Internet access and to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. E-mail and network resources are to be used to further the educational process. Students or staff who violates these policies shall be subject to school and/or criminal action. These general rules include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Appropriate language - Do not use obscene, profane, vulgar, rude or disrespectful language. Do not engage in personal attacks or activities intended to distress, harass or annoy another user.
 - b. Safety - Do not reveal personal contact information about yourself or another person. Do not use District Internet access to arrange meetings with persons met online. Users will promptly disclose to the teacher, Instructional Technology Director or another member of the faculty or staff any message they consider to be inappropriate or which makes them feel uncomfortable. **The district will provide resources for students, staff, and faculty to raise awareness of CyberSafety issues.**
 - c. Electronic mail - Electronic mail (E-Mail) may not be assumed to be a private communication. The District and system administrators do have access to District E-Mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be subject to criminal penalties.
 - d. Network resources - System users should not use the network in a way that will disrupt the use of the network. The network is to be used for educational, professional and career development. Storage of personal files on district resources is discouraged.

- e. Intellectual property - Users assume responsibility to verify the licensing of software prior to installation. Users must respect the rights of copyright owners and comply with all limitations imposed upon use of copyrighted material. Users will not download copyrighted files.
- 5. Limitation of Liability - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services provided and will not be responsible for any damages which you may suffer through use of the District system or the Internet, including, but not limited to, the loss of information or files or the interruption of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy of information obtained through the use of the District system or the Internet. The District is not responsible for any financial obligations, which may be incurred through use of the District system.
- 6. Security - Users are responsible for network and E-mail account security and should take precautions to prevent others from accessing their account. Users should not provide their personal password to other users, unless that person is a representative of the I.T. Department. Unauthorized access to network resources or user accounts will be treated as a serious offense and may result in the termination of network rights. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with the District system or any other computer system may be denied further access.
- 7. Vandalism - Vandalism of District hardware, software or the system itself will result in cancellation of privileges and possible other disciplinary actions. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the property or data of the District, of another user or of any other network connected to the Internet or all or any portion of the District's computer network system or any other network or system

connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses or any actions that disrupt, or crash all or any portion of the District's computer system. System users will adhere to District policies governing the downloading of software to help minimize the spread of computer viruses.

8. **Application and Enforceability** - The terms and conditions set forth in this policy shall be deemed to be incorporated in their entirety in the Internet Use Policy executed by each system user. By executing the Internet Access Agreement, the system user agrees to abide by the terms and conditions contained in this Acceptable Use Policy. The system user acknowledges that any violation of this acceptable use policy may result in access privileges being revoked and/or disciplinary action being taken, including, as to students, disciplinary action under the district's student discipline policy and, as to employees, any such discipline as may be allowed by law.