



Orleans Parish School Board

Acceptable Use Policy - Students

Introduction

The Orleans Parish School Board provides its students the privilege of accessing the Internet over the district's computer network. The computer network is intended to promote educational excellence and to locally and globally share educational resources. Students will access and transmit information over the Internet or network for educational purposes. It is the intent of the Orleans Parish School Board to:

- a) prevent the transmission of or access to inappropriate material by means of Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of electronic communications;
- b) prevent unauthorized and malicious attempts to access valuable network resources;
- c) prevent unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
- d) abide by the rules established in the [Children's Internet Protection Act](#).

I. Access to Inappropriate Material

The Orleans Parish School Board shall use technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") to prevent access to inappropriate material. The technology protection measures shall be applied to avoid visual depictions of material deemed obscene or pornographic, or any material deemed harmful to minors.

Authorized personnel may disable or minimize technology protection measures for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

II. Student Behavior

While using the computer network, students:

1. **SHOULD NOT** give out names, phone numbers, addresses or any personal information about themselves or others.
2. **SHOULD NOT** engage in activities that initiate or participate in any activities that are prohibited by local, state or federal laws.
3. **SHOULD NOT** use the Internet to send or receive messages that discriminate against others.
4. **SHOULD NOT** use abusive language or profanity over the Internet.
5. **SHOULD** always be polite and respectful of others.
6. **SHOULD** communicate with caution. Keep in mind:

- privacy cannot be guaranteed in a network environment.
- you cannot see the person with whom you are communicating.
- you cannot tell the age or the sex of the person with whom you are communicating.
- you cannot always be sure you are being told the truth
- you should think carefully about what you say and how you say it.

7. **SHOULD** report any problems to their teacher.

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III. Inappropriate Network Usage

Accessing the Internet through the Orleans Parish School Board's network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate network usage will result in disciplinary actions. The Orleans Parish School Board shall take actions to uphold the safety and security of users on the Orleans Parish School Board's network.

Any student can be found in violation of acceptable network usage if he or she:

1. uses the Internet or network for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes, or supports such activities. Illegal activities shall be defined as those which violate local, state, and/or federal laws.
2. violates copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
3. intentionally disrupts information network traffic or crashes the network and connected systems.
4. uses Orleans Parish School Board's Internet or network for commercial or financial gain, fraud, political campaigning or solicitation.
5. steals or damages data, equipment, or intellectual property.
6. gains or seeks to gain unauthorized access to the network system.
7. forges electronic mail messages or posts anonymous messages.
8. uses an account owned by another user or invades the privacy of individuals.
9. changes or deletes another user's account information.
10. discloses personal information about anyone.

Students shall be made aware that any use of the network or of personal digital devices while on school property or at school events, regardless of whether the device is owned by the district, the school, or by the individual user, is subject to all the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of the Orleans Parish School Board. At no time within any property of the district, school, or off premises but engaged in activities connected to the educational efforts of the district or school, is any student to violate the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of the Board.



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Consent and Waiver Form

Consequences of network use violations include but are not limited to:

1. Suspension or revocation of network privileges;
 - a. First offense
 - i. Counseling with teacher and parent
 - ii. Three day loss of network privilege
 - b. Second offense
 - i. Counseling with teacher, parent, and site leadership
 - ii. Loss of network privileges for balance of school year
2. Suspension or revocation of computer access;
3. School suspension or expulsion;
4. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

IV. Legal Issues

- **Copyright/Trademark** - According to the Copyright Act of 1976, "Fair Use" means that you may freely use any information that you legally find on the network as long as you do so only for scholarly purposes.
- **Plagiarism** - Plagiarism is "taking ideas or writings from another person and offering them as your own." Credit should always be given to the person who created the article or the idea. The student who leads readers to believe that what they are reading is the student's original work when it is not is guilty of plagiarism.

The Law – Students are advised that they are subject to all federal, state, and local laws if they access the computer network for inappropriate or illegal purposes. (See section III of this **policy** for inappropriate network usage violations).

V. Recourses

Anyone accused of any of the violations has all of the rights that would normally apply if such person were accused of school vandalism or any other illegal activity.

My parents and I have read the Orleans Parish School Board's Acceptable Use Policy. By signing the Acceptable Use Policy Consent and Waiver Form, I agree to abide by the rules stated in this policy. I understand that the use of the Internet or network is a privilege and if found in violation of any of the rules stated in this policy, regardless of whether the device I use is owned by the district, the school, or is my personal property, I will be subject to any of the disciplinary actions listed in Section III of this policy. I understand that the Orleans Parish School Board will, to the fullest extent, try to block or filter harmful information from being accessed over the network, but is not responsible for any inappropriate content accessed while using the network.

Student Name: _____
(Print)

Student Signature: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____