



Compute Code of Conduct

Acceptable Computer Use

Internet services will be made available and provided to students throughout the school with the following goals in mind:

- To promote educational excellence for the advancement and promotion of learning and teaching by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication within our community, state, nation, and global learning environment.
- To support research and education in and among academic institutions in the world by providing access to unique resources and provide the opportunity for collaborative work.
- To stimulate personal growth in information-gathering techniques, critical thinking skills and communication skills; to significantly expand each user's knowledge base; and to promote intellectual inquiry and awareness of global diversity through worldwide communication and exploration.
- To assist students in developing the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources and to evaluate and correctly use information to meet educational goals as posed to the student by the instructor.

Rights and Responsibilities

River Valley Charter School has certain rights and responsibilities that accompany offering Internet access in the classroom:

- RRVCS has no responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. The availability of on-line resources does not indicate endorsement of their contents by the school district.
- School personnel will take precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. The school reserves the right to deem what is appropriate.
- The school reserves the right to access any and all data stored on computers, servers, school websites and in email to ensure that computer files do not contain defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. The school also reserves the right to review any material downloaded or in use by any user.
- No student will be allowed to access the Internet without adult supervision.
- The school reserves the right to deny an Internet or e-mail account to any student with a previous history of infractions related to computer use.

User Responsibilities

Users represent the school each time data is transferred over the Internet. All users must behave in an ethical and legal manner. Internet access is a privilege and with every privilege comes certain limitations and responsibilities:



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- The use of an Internet/e-mail account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school. Any user accessing the Internet for purposes other than educational is subject to disciplinary action.
- All users are fully responsible for their own actions, including legal, financial, or otherwise.
- Any user finding access to inappropriate materials on the Internet shall immediately report the location of the information to the teacher.

Guidelines for Use

The following guidelines shall be followed when using the Internet/e-mail through the school district:

- Users shall be polite, courteous and respectful during all sessions on the Internet/e-mail. Users must use appropriate language. Profanity, obscenity or any vulgarity is prohibited.
- Users may not use another user's account name or password at any time.
- Users may not reveal their home address, phone number, or other personal information about themselves, other students, teachers, administrators or colleagues.
- Transmission of any material in violation of federal or state laws is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by patent.
- Personal messages are not to be posted on including but not limited to bulletin boards, social networking websites, or blogs.
- Students are not permitted to post personal home pages.
- The school has the right, and will make every effort, to control the content of data accessed through the Internet by use of filtering software, site book marking and teacher monitoring. There always remains the possibility of a student discovering inappropriate material during a routine search. If this should occur, the user shall not share this information with any other student and shall notify the teacher immediately so this material can be filtered.
- If a student's use of the Internet, from any location including home, creates a likelihood of material disruption (including threatening messages or violent websites) of school operation, the student may face school discipline and criminal penalties.

Violations

Students will be held accountable for violations of acceptable computer use. A student and his/her parent/guardian will also be responsible for damages and liable for costs incurred for service or repair. Violations of the Code of Conduct regarding use of computers include but are not limited to the following:



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- Deliberate search or keying of a URL, domain name, or website in attempts to access inappropriate material
- Attempting to login to computers or use software as anyone other than yourself
- Providing personal information about yourself, your family or others electronically
- Misrepresentation (forgery) of information
- Plagiarism – according to Merriam-Webster is “to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own; use (another's production) without crediting the source; or to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source
- Misuse of computers for non-school related activities including gambling, transactions, and downloading of files (including but not limited to data, music, video, and games)
- Bringing to school or using broadband routers/adapters or other types of wireless technology (including cellular, GPS, DSL)
- Connecting to wireless networks outside of the River Valley Charter School network
- Harassment of any user by persistent annoyance, bullying, intimidation, attempting to embarrass or the interference in another user's work or e-mail (sending of unwanted or duplicate e-mail is also defined as harassment)
- Creation of personal portals, web pages, music or game servers, or any other hosting device on school-owned equipment to store or share files such as music (MP3s for iPods), videos, games or any other file/application
- Downloading and/or installation of freeware, shareware, or application software
- Using websites, software, flash drives, fake wallpaper or any other method to create proxy servers to bypass the Internet filtering application
- Vandalism including any malicious attempt to erase, modify or destroy the data of another user and the creation or uploading/downloading of computer viruses
- Theft of any computer, printer, speakers, mouse, or hardware, including mouse balls
- Sabotage or deliberate destruction/alteration of software applications, operating systems, or computer files
- Electronic distribution of inappropriate material (games, music, videos, pornography)
- Electronic distribution of inappropriate material of a defamatory, obscene, abusive, offensive, profane, threatening, or hateful nature
- Engaging in any illegal activity electronically

Procedures for Use

- School personnel will provide supervision of student access to the Internet at all grade levels. Users will be required to obtain permission from a teacher before using the Internet.
- Any computer which provides access to the Internet will also have Internet filtering software installed. Parents and teachers are encouraged to search the Internet and add additional sites and/or words to the filtering software in order to offer greater protection.
- All students must read and sign the Computer Use Contract form. Parents or guardians must sign the Parent/Guardian Consent form and return it to the school.



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