

Mitchell School District #55

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COMPUTER USE

Staff may be permitted to use the district's electronic for personal use, in addition to official district business, consistent with Board policy, the general use prohibitions/guidelines/etiquette and other applicable provisions set forth in administrative regulations. Personal use of district-owned computers including Internet and e-mail access by employees is prohibited during the employee's work hours. Additionally, employee use of district-owned computers may be permitted only when such use does not violate the provisions of ORS 244.040 and use is under the same terms and conditions that access is provided to the general public under the district's policy governing use of district equipment and materials. Staff who violate Board policy or administrative regulations, including general system user prohibitions, shall be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Violations of law will be reported to law enforcement and violations of applicable Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators will be reported to TSPC.

The district retains ownership and control of its computers, hardware, software and data at all times. All communications and stored information transmitted, received or contained in the district's information system are the district's property and are to be used for authorized purposes only. Use of district equipment or software for unauthorized purposes is strictly prohibited. To maintain system integrity, monitor network etiquette and ensure that those authorized to use the district's system are in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations and law, school administrators or their designees may routinely review user files and communications.

Files and other information, including e-mail, sent or received, generated or stored on district servers are not private and may be subject to monitoring. By using the district's system, individuals consent to have that use monitored by authorized district personnel. The district reserves the right to access and disclose, as appropriate, all information and data contained on district computers and district-owned e-mail system

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Policy on District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

Freedom of expression is an inalienable human right and the foundation for self-government. Freedom of expression encompasses the right to freedom of speech and the corollary right to receive information. Such rights extend to minors as well as adults. Schools facilitate the exercise of these rights by providing access to information regardless of format or technology. In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship.

In making decisions regarding student access to the internet, the Mitchell School District #55 considers its own stated educational mission, goals, and objectives. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. It is the intent of the District staff to blend thoughtful use of the internet throughout the curriculum and they will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use. As much as possible, access from school to internet resources should be structured in ways which point students to those resources which have been evaluated prior to use. While students will be able to move beyond those resources to others that have not been previewed by staff, they shall be provided with guidelines and resources particularly suited to learning objectives.

Outside of school families have a responsibility for the same guidance of internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, and other possibly offensive media. Students utilizing District provided internet access must first have the permission of and must be supervised by the Mitchell School District #55's staff. Students utilizing school provided internet access are expected to behavior in a responsible and respectful manner on-line just as they are in a classroom or other area of the school. The same general rules for behavior and communications apply.

The purpose of District provided internet access is to facilitate communications in support of research and education. To remain eligible as users, students' use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the Mitchell School District #55. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. Users should expect that files stored on school based computers will always be private. Electronic messages and files stored on school based computers may be treated like school lockers. Administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and insure that users are acting responsibly.

The following uses of school provided internet access are not permitted.

1. To access uploads, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material.
 2. To transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language,
 3. To violate any local, state, or federal statute;
 4. To vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization.
 5. To access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission;
- and,

6. To violate copyright or otherwise us the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission.

**Internet Access Use Agreement
Wheeler County Schools**

By being able to connect to the internet, students at Mitchell School are given an opportunity to communicate with other students and teachers around the world through electronic mail and to research subjects from vast array resources. With opportunity comes responsibility. Before being allowed to access the internet, students will need to be trained in research techniques (to make the most of their online time, which costs money) and they and their parents must agree to the following rules for acceptable use.

Use of the internet will be solely for purposes related to school curriculum; for research and communication relevant to courses offered at Mitchell high School.

1. Use of the internet for profit or personal business is not allowed.
2. Users will not modify files or use passwords belonging to others. They will respect the right to privacy of other users.
3. Users will respect the hardware and software provided and will not abuse it in any way.
4. Users will respect individuals and not use discriminatory or offensive remarks of any kind in any form of communication, including, but not limited to e-mail, chat, and user group postings.
5. User will not infringe on the copyright of programs or written materials acquired through internet sources or violate any local, state or federal statute.
6. Mitchell High School has provided security programs which deny access to undesirable areas of the internet and students will not attempt to defeat the purpose of these security measures.

Disclaimer: Mitchell School District #55 assumes no responsibility for any damages incurred, including but not limit to, the loss of data resulting from delays or interruption of service or for loss of materials stored on school system. The district will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information stored on or gathered through school system. Although Mitchell School District #55 may use technical and or manual means to regulate access and information, these methods do not provide a foolproof means for enforcing the provisions of this policy.

Use of the internet electronic access is a privilege which will be revoked if the above agreement is not adhered to. Additional sanctions for inappropriate behavior and communication discretion of the superintendent following the student discipline policies contained in the student handbook. When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may be involved. I wish to use the internet under this agreement and policies.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date