

# Computer User Agreement



## School District of the City of Saginaw

### Acceptable Use Guidelines

#### Student Access to Computer Network Resources

We are pleased to offer students of the Saginaw Public Schools access to the District computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms, if you can show your driver's license or proof of age.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make access to the Internet safe by actively filtering and blocking access to inappropriate sites to ensure that students can further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Saginaw Public Schools support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on District servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

### As outlined in Board Policies (5051 and 5052) and Administrative Guidelines and Procedures on Acceptable Use, following not permitted:

Use the District equipment for anything contrary to law, or to solicit others to break any law. Illegally copy, send, or distribute any copyrighted software, work, or other material. Send, publish, download, access, or retrieve any communication or material which may be defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually explicit, threatening, racially or ethnically offensive, harassing, or illegal, or anything which violates or infringes on the rights of any person.

Use the network for any commercial purpose or financial gain. Use the network for any advertisement or solicitation without approval from the Superintendent. Access, attempt to access, modify, or delete any record or file without permission or authorization. Make any attempt to harm or destroy the data of any other user or any system on the network, including using port scanners, creating or sending computer viruses, Trojan horses, worms or similar computer code. Use electronic mail to send unsolicited, bulk, chain, harassing, anonymous, or other messages which are commonly considered an annoyance to recipients or degrade system performance.

Use vulgarity, obscenity, or swearing in messages or electronic postings, or send e-mail/message "flames" or other attacks.

Attempt to access material or sites, which are blocked by the District, or attempt to use the network while access privileges are suspended.

**Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. School appropriate desktop & screensavers only**

Cut, copy or scan signed agreement to be turned-in

<b>Print Student Name</b>		<b>ID#</b>		<b>Graduation Year</b>	
<b>Student Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Birth Date</b>	
<b>Parent Signature</b>				<b>Date</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>				<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>School Attending</b>	<b>ARTHUR HILL HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>ADVISORY</b>		<b>Grade</b>	

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form As a user of the Saginaw Public Schools computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son/daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my son/daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

**School appropriate desktop & screensavers only**

YES- Networked computer services	NO INTERNET	NO EMAIL	NO COMPUTER USE	NO = Group web page pictures
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