

Acceptable Lan/Internet Use Policy

Agreement

GUIDE LINES

Eastern Pulaski Community School provides educational technology such as computers, networks, and Internet access to support the educational mission of the corporation and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities of students and school staff.

In making decisions regarding student access to the Internet, Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation 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. Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the Internet throughout the curriculum and 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 lists of resources particularly suited to learning objectives.

Outside of school, families bear 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 Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation provided Internet access must first have the permission of and must be supervised by the Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation professional staff. Students utilizing school-provided Internet access are responsible for good behavior 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 the District-provided Internet access is to facilitate communications in support of research and education. To remain eligible as users, student's use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Users should not expect that files stored on school-based computers would 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.

All Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation computers and associated equipment remain under the control, custody, and supervision of Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation. Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation reserves the right to monitor and log all computer and Internet activity by computer users. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Acceptable Use:** The following uses of school-provided Internet access are not permitted:

- a) To access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;
- b) To transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
- c) To violate any local, state, or federal statute;
- d) To vandalize, damage, or disable to property of another individual or organization;
- e) To access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission; and
- f) To violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission.

2. **Privileges:** The use of the school network and Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in disciplinary procedures up to and including, but not limited to, cancellations of those privileges, suspension, or expulsion. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at anytime as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

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3. **Warranties:** Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the Internet service it is providing. Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or service interruptions. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on District hard drives or servers; nor for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through District computer or networks or for the District-provided access to the Internet. The District will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from District-provided access to the Internet.

4. **Security:** Security on any computer system is a high priority especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the school network, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others users. Attempts to log on to the school network as another user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk of having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet. DO NOT SHARE YOUR PASSWORD WITH ANYONE.

5. **Vandalism:** Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.