



Mitchell School District 17-2 POLICY

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K-12 INTERNET ACCESS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

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Mitchell School District believes accessing data on the Internet is a useful skill for lifelong learning. The goal in providing Internet access to staff and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The Mitchell School District reserves the right to read, print, delete, store, or use any transmission on this system at its discretion. The Mitchell School District grants permission to use this system for educational purposes only. Users hereby waive any right of privacy regarding information/messages sent or received by them on this system. The administration, faculty, and staff of Mitchell School District may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.

The Internet, for the purpose of this document, is defined as resources or information retrieved through the network that are not stored on school district equipment. These resources must be accessed through the world wide web.

*Student Procedures for gaining access privileges to the **Internet**:*

1. Students will receive access after they turn in an Agreement Form that has been signed by both the student and parent/guardian consenting to abide by the Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy.
2. Students may use the Internet during class time only at the direction of the teacher or classroom supervisor.
3. No financial obligations stemming directly or indirectly from unauthorized individual use of the internet is binding on the district.
4. Mitchell School District personnel will monitor network activities and information stored on district hardware and/or software and take appropriate action when a policy violation is discovered.
5. Inappropriate use of access privileges will result in school disciplinary action and may result in access restrictions or cancellation of privileges. Inappropriate use of access privileges which results in loss of access does not excuse the student from the requirements of obtaining material necessary for classroom or project assignments.
6. Parents/guardians may request cancellation of access privileges by contacting the school.

*Staff Procedures for gaining access privileges to the **Internet**:*

1. Staff will receive access after they turn in a signed Agreement Form consenting to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy.
2. Any financial charges incurred by the staff member while using the Internet are the staff member's full responsibility and he/she will be held accountable for payment.
3. Inappropriate use of access privileges will result in disciplinary action and may result in access restrictions or cancellation of privileges.

Internet User Terms and Conditions Agreement

1. The use of the Internet accessed from or by the use of Mitchell School District property must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Mitchell School District. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited, including, but not limited to copyrighted material, threatening, violent or obscene material as determined by the building's chief administrator or their designee, or material protected by trademark. Use of the Internet for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
2. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of privileges.
3. Internet users are to abide by the rules of network etiquette, including, but not limited, to:
 - a. Be polite. Your messages to others are to contain no abusive or threatening language.
 - b. Cursing, vulgarity, or other inappropriate language is unacceptable.
 - c. Promotion of, or solicitation for, illegal activities is strictly forbidden.
 - d. Do not reveal any personal information such as your address or phone number nor that of fellow students or colleagues.
 - e. All messages sent via email/instant messaging or posted via blogs on systems or services owned by or under the subscription of the Mitchell School District are considered property of the Mitchell School District.
 - f. Disciplinary action may be taken against staff or students whose electronic communication, on or off site, causes a disruption to the education environment or interferes with another's rights.
4. Mitchell School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the Internet service nor is it responsible for any damages you suffer from Internet use, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Mitchell School District denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through Internet. Stay mindful of the fact that not everyone that has a website is an expert resource.
5. Security on any computer system and the network is a high priority. Any attempt to circumvent the security of the Mitchell School District data network/hardware, or attempt to capture data carried on the Mitchell School District network, successful or unsuccessful, will be considered a violation of this policy and may be subject to disciplinary actions.
6. Vandalism of hardware, software, or stored information will result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including referral to law enforcement.
7. This document is not intended to encompass all activities of our users and should not be considered all inclusive of appropriate or inappropriate activities. School administration reserves the right to act on a case by case basis as needed.

Student Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand and will follow the above Internet user rules. I also understand the result of my breaking these rules may be the loss of access to the Internet provided by the Mitchell School District.

Name

(Please print) _____ Grade level _____

Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read the Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy and User Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible for the Mitchell School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the Mitchell School District or its employees responsible for materials my son/daughter acquires on the Internet.

PLEASE CHECK ONE – SIGN AND RETURN

_____ I hereby give permission for my child to access Internet at the Mitchell School District site.

_____ I deny permission for my child to access Internet at the Mitchell School District site.

Name (please print) _____

Signatures _____ Date _____

Staff Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

As a staff member of the Mitchell School District, I have read the Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy and User Agreement and agree to abide by the procedures herein stated.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

School _____