

JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Internet and network access is now available to students and teachers in our parish schools. We are pleased to have access at these sites and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing access is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

1. Electronic mail (e-mail) communication with people all over the world;
2. Information and news as well as the opportunity to correspond with other institutions;
3. Public domain software and graphics of all types for school use;
4. Discussion groups on a limitless range of topics;
5. Many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, the State Library of Louisiana, and a large collection of relevant information to educators and students.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We, Jackson Parish educators, firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is inconsistent with the educational goals of the Jackson Parish School Board.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided herein so that users are aware of the responsibilities they acquire. If a Jackson Parish School user violates any of these provisions, his/her access will be terminated. Additionally, any user violating this policy will be subject to standard Jackson Parish School Board disciplinary action such as, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action.

The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

INTERNET/NETWORK - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

(1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of our Internet and network account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Jackson Parish School Board. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.

(2) **Privileges** - The use of the network and Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student or teacher who receives access will be part of a discussion with a Jackson Parish School District staff member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The principal or his/her designee will deem what is inappropriate use and his/her decision is final. Also, the principal or his/her designee may close access at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Jackson Parish Schools may request the principal to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.

(3) **Network Etiquette** - Users of the network and Internet are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- (b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- (c) Do not reveal personal address or phone numbers of yourself, other students or faculty.
- (d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities are to be reported to the teacher and/or principal.
- (e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- (f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

(4) **Warranty** - Jackson Parish School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Jackson Parish School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Jackson Parish School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of material or information obtained through its services.

(5) **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 network or Internet, you must notify your teacher. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the network and the Internet.

(6) **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

JACKSON PARISH INTERNET/NETWORK USE AGREEMENT

STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the above Internet/Network Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion, may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User's Full Name (please print):

User's Signature:

Date:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet/Network Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible for the Jackson Parish School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired by the student on the network or from another student using the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to have access and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print):

Parent or Guardian's Signature:

SPONSORING TEACHER

I have read the Internet/Network Use Agreement and agree to promote THIS agreement with the student. As the sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette and to reasonably require the student to adhere to this agreement while under my direct supervision and/or in my presence.

Teacher's Name (please print):

Teacher's Signature: _____

**This signed agreement must be kept on file with the teacher making access available.*