

Board Policy

Section 6000 - Instruction

BP 6163.6 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Internet

Internet access is now available to students at Greenfield Union School District. Greenfield believes the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to the community. Our goal in providing this service to students is to promote educational excellence at Greenfield Union School District by facilitating communications for resource sharing and innovation.

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

1. Electronic mail communication (e-mail) with people all over the world. (*This is not available for most of our students at this time.*)
2. Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
3. Discussion groups on a variety of topics, which excludes chat rooms.
4. Access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ERIC.

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. (Greenfield Union School District expects all users to accept the responsibility not to access such material. Student users will be under supervision during any school activity involving the Internet.) We at Greenfield Union School District firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this District. The Greenfield Union School District is in compliance with the new federal law requiring Internet filtering in public schools and public libraries with the use of Cyber Patrol.

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 that must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that all potential users and community members are aware of the responsibilities about to be accepted. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources.

The administration and guidance regarding the use of the Internet shall be the responsibility of the Principal.

1. Student access **must always** be under staff supervision.
2. All staff/students must be familiar with the Acceptable Use Policy.
3. A Parent Permission Form & User Agreement form must be on file **prior** to student use of the Internet. The parent, the student and the teacher must sign this form. (Parents must be given a copy of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy.)
4. A teacher agreement form must be on file prior to the teacher use of Internet.
5. Request for more connections to Internet must go to the Principal.
6. Staff shall build Internet use into existing curriculum expectations. Internet use must enhance learning in current academic expectations.

Acceptable Use Policy

1. The purpose of Internet is to facilitate communications in support of research and education, by providing access to unique resources and an opportunity for collaborative work. To remain eligible as a user, the use of your account must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the Greenfield Union School District. Access to Internet is made possible through Greenfield School District at its sole discretion. All users of the Internet must comply with existing rules and Acceptable Use Policies, which are incorporated into this document, and are available from the Greenfield Union School District.
2. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighting material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
3. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Privilege

The use of the Internet is privilege, **not a right**. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege. The Greenfield Union School District has delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, evoke, suspend or close any use account at any time based upon its determination of inappropriate use by account holder or user.

Monitoring

The Greenfield Union School District retains the right to monitor use of its technology resources and to have access to all files stored on the system or downloaded from the Internet. You are advised that you do not have the right to expect that anything you store on the system or download will be private. This technology is not provided for your private use but specifically for official business and educational purposes.

Network Etiquette

1. Be polite, do not get abusive in your messages to others.
2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Do not engage in activities which are prohibited under state or federal law.
3. Do not reveal your personal address or the phone numbers of students or staff.
4. 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 illegal activities may be reported to the authorities and may result in the loss of user privileges.
5. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
6. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

No Warranties

The Greenfield Union School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service it is providing. The Greenfield Union School District will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by Greenfield Union School District's ISP. Use of any information obtained via Greenfield Union School District's ISP. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the users' own risk. The Greenfield Union School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain, and consider how valid that information may be.

Security

1. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users must never allow others to use their password. Users should also protect their password to ensure system security and their own privileges and ability to continue to use the system.
2. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users.
3. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator may result in cancellation of use privileges.
4. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.
5. Students are not to reveal their personal home address, home phone number, or phone numbers of any other individuals. Your personal signature on any e-mail must use the school address only. You must notify your parent(s)/guardian(s) and system administrator immediately if any individual is trying to contact you for illicit or suspicious activities.

Vandalism & Harassment

1. Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation of use privileges.
2. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify, and destroy data of another user, Internet, or other networks that are connected to the NSFnet Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.
3. Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference of another user's work. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted mail.

Procedures for Use

Student users must always get permission from their instructors before using the Network.

1. All users have the same right to use the equipment. Therefore, users shall not play games or use the computer resources for other non-academic activities when other users require the system for academic purposes.
2. Only the authorized owner of the account shall use all accounts for the authorized purpose. Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account.
3. Classroom teachers who have a class account are obligated to directly supervise these students with its use according to the Acceptable Use Policy. The teacher holding this account is ultimately responsible for use of the account and is required to maintain confidentiality with the password (not giving it to students) and is advised to change the password frequently.
4. The uploading or downloading of software will not be permitted.
5. Students do not have permission to create "home pages" or directories for use on the World Wide Web (WWW). Student work will be published only under the direction of the supervising teacher.

Encounter of Controversial Material

Users may encounter material that is controversial and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. However, on a global network it is impossible to control effectively the content of data and a user may discover controversial material. *It is the users responsibility not to access such material.*

Penalties for Improper Use

1. Any user violating these rules, applicable state and federal laws or posted classroom and district rules is subject to loss of network privileges and any other Greenfield Union School District Disciplinary options.
2. In addition, pursuant to State of California law, any unauthorized access, attempted access, or use of any state computing and/or network system is a violation of section 502 of the California Penal Code and/or other applicable federal laws, and is subject to criminal prosecution.