

**INTERNET/ELECTRONIC RESOURCES INFORMATION
FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

The use of the District's computers and the Internet access provided by the District is a privilege, not a right. The Millwood Public School District maintains the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material accessed or posted through district networks. The Millwood Public School District networks are considered a limited forum; and therefore, the District may impose restrictions for valid reasons.

Acceptable Uses: The District's computers, equipment, and software are intended for administration, education, and academic research purposes only and shall be used only as according to Administrative Regulations. Acceptable uses of the District's computers and the Internet are activities which support learning and teaching or which promote the District's mission and goals.

Prohibited Uses: The District's computers and the Internet access provided by the District shall not be used:

1. To violate an individual's right to privacy;
2. To access materials, information, or files of another person or organization without permission;
3. To violate the copyright laws;
4. To spread computer viruses;
5. To deliberately attempt to vandalize, damage, disable, or disrupt the District's property or the property of any Their individual or organization;
6. To locate, receive, transmit, store, or print files or messages which are profane, obscene or sexually explicit, or which contain language that is offensive or degrading to others;
7. To distribute religious materials;
8. To campaign for or against any political candidate or ballot proposition or for political lobbying, except as authorized by law;
9. For any commercial purpose unless authorized by the Administration or Board;
10. For "hacking" or other use of computers to gain unauthorized access to district or other databases. In addition to any criminal penalties, students may have their computer privileges suspended;

11. To engage in any illegal activity.

Reporting of Violations: Any violation of the guidelines for use of the network and/or the Internet should be reported to the teacher, school administrator, or technology coordinator.

Consequences for Misuse: Any student who inappropriately uses the District's computers or the Internet may have the privilege of using the computers or the Internet denied, revoked, or suspended and may be subject to other disciplinary sanctions.

Due Process:

1. The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to illegal activities conducted through the district Internet access and E-mail system.
2. In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated the District Internet Acceptable Use Policy, disciplinary actions will be tailored in accordance with the rules and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

No Expectation of Privacy: No student shall have any expectation of privacy in any electronic mail being sent or received by the District's computers or the District-provided Internet access. The District's system operator may access any electronic mail and may delete any inappropriate material from any electronic mail sent or received using the District's computers or the District-provided Internet access.

Obeying the Law: Students are responsible for respecting and adhering to local, state, and international laws governing use of information and the available technologies.

Violations: Any attempt to violate the guidelines for use of technology, the network, or the Internet, may result in revocation of user privileges, and/or other disciplinary actions consistent with Board of Education Policy.

Personal Disks: The teacher in charge must approve the use of personal disks on network computers to ensure protection against virus and inappropriate materials.

Appropriate Language: Language typed, printed, and/or sent will be appropriate at all times.

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted or viewed on web pages.

1. Students shall not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.
2. Students will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption.
3. Students will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
4. Students will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person.
5. Students will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Courtesy: All communication will be courteous.

Personal Safety: Personal addresses and phone numbers are not to be given to strangers on the Internet. Students shall not post personal contact information about themselves or other people. Personal contact information includes addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, etc. Students will promptly disclose to their teacher, library media specialist, technology coordinator or other school employee any message they receive that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

Students shall not use "non-educational" chat rooms.

Cross Reference: Board Policy E-08, Internet and Electron Resources