

South Central School District
Acceptable Use Policy
Student Network/Internet Access

The South Central School District has received equipment that allows the district, through services provided by the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Educational Computer Network and the Northeast Ohio Educational Computer Association, to offer Internet access to its students as a part of its instructional program.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world with millions of individual subscribers. Through the Internet and electronic communication, students will have access to information, news, research, experts, texts, video, graphics and individuals. With this access, however, comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value. The Ohio Department of Education, the OECN, the NOECA, and the South Central School District has taken precautions to restrict student access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, all information cannot be controlled. A persevering student may discover controversial material. We firmly believe the value of the information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that students may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of our school district.

Students at South Central will be given access to this network as a part of their daily instruction, both in the classrooms and in the computer labs in each building. This access will be a part of their regular daily instruction, and will be monitored by the classroom teacher, teacher's aide, building volunteer and/or librarian.

With access to the network and Internet resources come responsibilities. In addition to building codes of conduct and Board of Education Policy regarding behavior and conduct, student users must abide by the following rules:

All users of the network and the Internet must be in support of education and consistent with the educational goals of the district.

A network account is to be used only by the authorized owner of the account. Sharing of passwords is prohibited.

Students will be held accountable for theft of computer equipment or parts.

Computer users may not:

- use the network maliciously;
- intentionally harm, disrupt or modify the network or equipment;
- install or uninstall software;
- reveal personal or network information about themselves or others;
- use the network to access or process inappropriate files or materials
- be in possession of inappropriate files or materials

Access to the Internet requires that each student signs the User Agreement and that each parent or guardian signs the Parent or Guardian Consent form attached to this document. Questions regarding this agreement or network Internet access should be directed to:

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