

St. Cloud Area School District 742 Acceptable Use Guidelines For Secondary Student Access to Technology and Networked Information Resources



As part of District 742's strategic plan, each school has a local area network (LAN) to allow computer connectivity among classrooms, media centers and office workstations. In addition, access to a wide area network (WAN) allows our schools to communicate with other schools, agencies, and databases throughout the world in a fast and effective manner.

The Internet is an electronic communications network which provides vast, diverse, and unique resources. This electronic highway, connecting millions of computers, individual subscribers, and databases throughout the world, is a realistic tool of the information age. The goal in providing instructional technology to teachers, staff, and students, is to promote educational excellence in District 742 by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Learner section

We believe that learners should have the opportunity to:

- Examine a broad range of opinions and ideas in the learning process, including the opportunity to locate, use and exchange ideas and information.
- Examine and use all information formats, including interactive formats such as the Internet.
- Communicate with other individuals on the network as it pertains to their learning.
- Utilize network resources that pertain to their learning.

Rights and Responsibilities for Electronic Learners

As electronic information plays an integral role in education and lifelong learning, the empowerment of individuals and organizations brings new levels of privileges, rights and responsibilities.

Individuals have rights to:

- Access computing and information sources within District guidelines.
- Appropriate training and tools to ensure access.
- Be informed, review, and give permission about collected personal information.
- Ownership over their own intellectual works.
- Recognize and respect network equipment and documents created by students, staff and community.
- Determine the validity and authenticity of information found and utilized on the Internet.
- Respect copyright laws.
- Individuals have the responsibility to follow network etiquette.
- Personal student e-mail accounts may only be established with teacher permission.

Individuals have responsibilities to:

- Find, evaluate and effectively use information resources.
- Recognize and respect network equipment and documents created by students, staff and community.
- Determine the validity and authenticity of information found and utilized on the Internet.
- Respect copyright laws.
- Follow network etiquette.

Individuals have privileges to:

- Access the network for educational purposes in compliance with school district policies.
- Reasonable access to the printing of educational materials.
- A network account.

Network Etiquette (Netiquette)

- Be polite.
- Use appropriate language.
- Do not intentionally disrupt the network or other users.
- Respect privacy of student and staff network accounts.
- Respect and follow the guidelines established at each site.

General

- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- All District 742 vandalism and harassment policies apply to technology.
- District 742 technology may not be used for personal gain.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to the network is not permitted.
- Do NOT send out personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- Student accounts are not guaranteed to be private.
- Any financial obligation by a student using the network is the responsibility of the student or the student's parents.
- The school district may use technical means to limit network access. However, caution should be exercised since these limits are not fool proof.
- All provisions of the acceptable use policy are subordinate to local, state, and federal laws.

Consequences

Any misuse of the above privileges or illegal activities may result in cancellation of privileges.

Consequences may also include communication with parents/guardians, suspension and contact with authorities if a violation of the law has occurred. All other policies of the district relating to harassment, appropriate use of own time and district resources, and all others as outlined in the district policies relating to students will apply as well. Any student, staff member or parent can report infractions. District administration will follow through on consequences.

Disclaimer

District 742 makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. District 742 will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer, including loss of data. The District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through network connections, nor for information obtained in violation of the above guidelines.



Student Technology and Networked Information Application

I understand and will abide by the St. Cloud Area School District 742 Acceptable Use Guidelines for technology and networked information.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Homeroom Teacher's Name: _____ Room: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

As a parent or legal guardian of the above named student, I grant permission for my son/daughter to access computer networked services. I have read and discussed ISD 742 Acceptable Use Guidelines. I understand that access is for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible for the District to monitor all materials acquired on the network.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature