

Moscow School District

Acceptable Network Use Policy

Moscow School District provides access to the Internet and the Moscow School (MSD) computer network system to promote educational excellence. The district's web site offers information about upcoming school-related events and reference databases to students, staff, and community members.

Students and staff can use these services and electronic tools to find information and news from educational and research institutions and reference district databases. They can also send and receive electronic mail (e-mail), take part in distance learning activities, consult with experts, and view library holdings.

When using these computer networks, as well as other information sources, educators have the responsibility to teach students to think critically. Educators will work together with students to develop intellectual skills to discriminate among sources, identify materials appropriate to their age and maturity levels, and evaluate and communicate information. School personnel will instruct students in their role as responsible on-line users.

Users may encounter information on the electronic networks that may be perceived as controversial or potentially harmful. Given constantly changing information and sources on the networks, creating a "safe environment" is impossible. The focus of the Moscow School District is not to control the Internet and other telecommunication resources, but to provide students with the understanding and skills needed to use electronic resource networks in an appropriate manner.

Ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children follow when using information resources. Moscow School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to use MSD's computer networks.

The use of MSD computer networks is a privilege, not a right. Permission from parents or guardians to use the networks is granted upon receipt of a signed Acceptable Use Contract. Specific parent requests for restricted use of the networks and the Internet must be received in writing.

Acceptable Use of District Networks

The use of the computers and networks must support education, research, and communication that is consistent with the district's mission and instructional objectives.

The District reserves the right to monitor electronic transmissions. School and system administrators may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts at any time because of inappropriate use. Appeals regarding cancellation will be made through the building principal to the Board of Trustees.

Any person who knowingly accesses district computers and networks for the purpose of defrauding, committing theft, or who knowingly alters, damages, or destroys a computer or system shall be guilty of computer crime. Violations are further defined in Idaho Code 18-2201 and 18-2202.

Responsibilities of MSD Network Users

Users are responsible to use district network and Internet resources in an ethical and educational manner that is appropriate to the school setting. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Networks

- Use of MSD networks for any illegal activity, private, commercial, business, political or religious use is prohibited.
- Sending or accessing harassing, objectionable, obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.
- Users are expected to use network resources efficiently to minimize interference with others.
- Accessing, searching and copying to and/ or from any resources not specifically identified for school use is prohibited.
- User access is limited to assigned personal (P:) drive space unless otherwise specified and supervised by district teachers or technology personnel.
- E-mail should support an exchange of information consistent with the mission of Moscow School District.
- E-mail messages are subject to district review at any time.
- E-mail should be deleted regularly from MSD directories to conserve file space.
- Users are responsible for taking precautions against viruses on their own equipment and MSD equipment.

Security

- Users will accept the responsibility for all material including pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the district's computers or integrity of the network, from entering the school via the Internet or any other source.
- Users may not use the network system in a way that would disrupt the use of other users.
- Users will respect the rights and property of others and will not improperly access, misappropriate, or misuse the files, data, or information of others.
- Users may not share their accounts with anyone or leave the account open or unattended.
- Users will keep all accounts and passwords confidential and inaccessible to others.
- Users are responsible for making backup copies of the documents critical to them.
- To download, install and/or execute any commercial, personal, shareware, or proprietary programs or files on district computers is prohibited.
- Regarding copyright, all works are assumed copyrighted unless public domain status is attached. Users will use appropriate citation conventions to identify copyrighted work.

Liability

- Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications and files to maintain system integrity and to insure responsible use. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private
- It is presumed that all users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, Moscow School District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling communications of individuals using the networks.



Please return to your First period Teacher (Ms. Mr.) _____

Room Number: _____

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the Moscow School District's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules; communicating over the network in a responsible fashion and honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

User Signature

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use -- setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature

Date

Name of Student

Student Number

School

Grade

Birth Date

Street Address

Home Phone