

**PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE/INTERNET SAFETY AGREEMENT**

Please read this policy carefully. When this document is signed it becomes a legally binding contract. The Pike County School Corporation requires your signature and that of your parent/guardian (If you are under 18) before the PCSC can provide you with an Internet access account. Please be informed that your child will be using computers and Internet as additional learning resources. You have the option to request alternative activities not requiring Internet access. If you do not want your child to have the opportunity for Internet access, then you must sign the exclusion form located on the signature page.

The technology mission of the Pike County School Corporation (PCSC) is to provide vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers through a technology rich learning environment. This environment will help provide the opportunity for the development of technological skills and experiences that will prepare our students for the 21st Century workforce.

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. Therefore, no student in the PCSC may access the Internet without permission and supervision of a member of the professional staff. PCSC will be taking precautions to restrict access to controversial material in compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We, the PCSC, firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Listed below are the provisions of this contract. If any user violates these provisions, access to the technology classes or technology resources may be denied and you may be subject to disciplinary action.

1. Personal Responsibility:

- I accept personal responsibility for using electronic media appropriately for an education setting.
- I accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the system administrator.

Misuse is defined as, but not limited to, involvement with pornography, illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, obscenity, or other activities deemed harmful to minors, materials that promote illegal behavior, altering system software, the placing of unauthorized information, computer viruses or harmful programs, and the accessing of unauthorized information including "hacking" and other unlawful activities.

- **I understand that the use of unauthorized proxy server sites is prohibited.**

2. Network Etiquette:

- I understand I am expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Be polite
 - b. Use appropriate language
 - c. Never reveal your (or anyone else's) home address, personal phone number, or other personal information to fellow students, school personnel, or individuals or companies on the Internet. Only utilize electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications under the direct supervision of school personnel.
 - d. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt service by the network to others.
 - e. Do not use abusive language in any way including bullying or harassing.
 - f. Do not disseminate or print copyrighted material, including articles and software, in violation of copyright laws.
 - g. Never plagiarize.

3. Privacy

E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. All messages may be reviewed by school officials. The PCSC reserves the right to access and review all files and internet transactions created/placed/sent on the PCSC computer infrastructure.

4. Security

- Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you identify a security problem, notify a staff member and a member of the technology staff at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users.
- Never share your password or use another individual's account. It is the student's responsibility to save files to a personal storage device before the end of the school year. All student home directories will be emptied at the end of each school year.
- I understand I am responsible for the use of my assigned password and access privilege. Use of a password by someone other than the registered password holder is forbidden and shall be grounds for the loss of access privileges.

5. Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to access, harm, alter, or destroy hardware or software. I understand any vandalism to the computers should be reported immediately to the supervising staff member. Any vandalism may result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and/or legal referral.

6. District Disclaimer

The PCSC makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. PCSC will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on the system. These damages include, but are not limited to, loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. The PCSC will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from district-provided access to the Network. PCSC specifically disclaims any responsibility for accuracy of information obtained through its services.

Whether this document is signed or not, proven malicious intent will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the PCSC's student policy. Misuse of the Network or Internet, which results in breaking local, state, or federal laws, may result in prosecution under applicable state and federal statutes.