

PGUSD Online/Internet User Obligations and Responsibilities/Acceptable Use Agreement

1. Students are authorized to use the Districts equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with this Acceptable Use Agreement.
The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
2. Students shall use the District's system safely, responsibly and primarily for educational purposes.
3. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs. (PGUSD Bullying/Cyberbullying Board Policy #5131.3)
Harmful content includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is content which depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.
4. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using electronic mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.
Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.
5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy or administrative regulations.
6. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
7. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
8. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.
9. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."
10. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify or use another individual's identity.
11. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or this Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the District's technological resources, as appropriate.

Required Acknowledgment and Agreement

I have read and understood the **Online/Internet User Obligations and Responsibilities/Acceptable Use Agreement**. I understand that the School District reserves the right to monitor the use of technology for improper use without advance notice or consent. I have been informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the District for the purpose of ensuring proper usage. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.
