

Caribou School Department

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. The Caribou School Department has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all access, and an industrious user may discover controversial materials. The Caribou School Department firmly believes that the information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material which is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

The Caribou School Department's purpose in providing Internet access is to support research, education and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of an account must be in support of education, research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school district. Sending or receiving any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. All communications and information accessible via the network should be considered school property.

Before access is granted each user must receive Internet training on security and ethical use. Parents have the option of denying their child individual access to the Internet.

The following guidelines are provided so everyone is aware of the responsibilities that come with using the Internet. If a Caribou School Department user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could be denied. The signatures on this document are legally binding and indicate that those who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Rules

For Internet Use

- 1. Never share your password or account with anyone.**
You have full responsibility for the use of your account. You will be held responsible for any violations of these rules that can be traced to your account.
- 2. Do not vandalize computers, software, network devices, or data.**
Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy.
- 3. Obey the rules of copyright.**
- 4. Do not download or install software without written permission of the network system administrator.**
- 5. Do not use the network for any illegal activities.**
Illegal activities include tampering with computer hardware or software, unauthorized entry into computers, vandalism or destruction of computer files. In some cases, such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law.
- 6. Do not deliberately spread computer viruses.**
Computer viruses are programs that have been developed as pranks, and can destroy valuable programs and data. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance of the local school network or any other computer system or network on the Internet by spreading computer viruses is considered criminal activity under state and federal law.
- 7. Do not use inappropriate language or symbols.**
Profanity or obscenity will not be tolerated on the school network.
- 8. Providing personal information on the Internet is prohibited.**
- 9. Do not use a school account to post anonymous or false information.**
Individuals must take responsibility for their actions and words.
- 10. Do not intentionally search for, view, and/or distribute inappropriate materials.**
(e.g. violence or pornography)
- 11. Any inadvertent access by students to inappropriate visual, written or verbal website must be reported to the classroom supervisor.**
- 12. Only activities of educational value are permitted.**
- 13. Chat rooms are off limits.**
- 14. E-mail may only be accessed through an authorized Caribou School Department account.**
- 15. Participating in the distribution of chain letters is prohibited.**

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Caribou School Department
Internet
Agreement
For Students and Parents

Student Name: (Please Print) _____

Grade: _____ Year of Graduation _____

Please read the attached pages of information and sign and return this agreement.

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and the Rules for Internet Use and understand that use of the school network services, including Internet access, is a privilege, not a right. I also understand that my failure to comply with the above guidelines can result in loss of my network privileges and possibly more serious disciplinary and / or legal action.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

(Student)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION:

<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I have read and understand the Caribou School Department Internet Policy. I also understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that school personnel will make every effort to properly supervise my child's use of network services. I understand that since it is technically impossible for the Caribou School Department to restrict access to ALL controversial materials, I will not hold them responsible for any materials acquired on the Internet. I hereby give permission for my child to have individual Internet access.</p>
<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I do not wish my child to have individual access to the Internet. I understand, however, that he/she may be exposed to information from the Internet in guided curriculum activities at the discretion of the teacher.</p>

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

(Parent / Guardian)