

The Northwest School Division #66

Computer Network *Acceptable Use Policy* for Students

1. All use of the internet, networks and technology must be in support of the educational program in which the student is enrolled at Pierceland Central School. These will be used to support the school's curriculum.
2. The internet, networks and technology may not be used for things such as but not limited to illegal activity, for profit purposes, non-school/non-community related activities, lobbying, direct advertising, transmitting or receiving offensive materials, hate mail, discriminating remarks, or to obtain pornographic, sexist, racist, anarchistic, violent or bomb-making materials. Abusive or inappropriate language, swearing, vulgarities or harassing will not be tolerated. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be objectionable is prohibited.
3. Users are forbidden to access any USENET news group, internet chat, MSN, message boards or similar internet entity.
4. Users shall not intentionally seek information, obtain copies of, or modify files or other data, belonging to other users. Users shall not intentionally seek passwords or combinations belonging to other users, attempt to circumvent security systems. Users may not give their passwords to anyone. Users may not send a message as someone else or receive a message addressed to someone else or otherwise misrepresent other users on the network. Any accidental discovery of passwords or combinations shall be immediately reported directly and only to a teacher or administrator.
5. Users are not permitted to reveal personal information about themselves or others on the network.
6. Users may not use school technology, networks or internet for fraudulent or illegal copying, communication or otherwise obtaining or modifying files as prohibited by law. Students shall not upload or download any games, programs, music/video files or other unauthorized files.
7. Users shall not use any copyrighted software, pictures, text, music/video files, or other protected electronic information in contravention of copyright laws. Students shall not use plagiarized information to complete school projects, papers, research assignments or any other school work. See plagiarism policy for more information.
8. Network resources and programs shall be used in a manner that does not disturb the work of others. This includes but is not limited to playing sound/movie files at a reasonable volume, giving priority to those with school work and not sending unnecessary/undesired emails.
9. Hardware, software or firmware shall not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way. Intentionally altering the school files and/or hardware will be viewed as vandalism. Vandalism also includes the uploading or creating of computer viruses. Each student will be held responsible for the intentional altering of a computer work station that occurs while they are at that station. Users agree to report any breakage or failure of equipment to a staff member immediately.
10. Network accounts are only to be used by the authorized owner of the account and teachers of that user and network administrators for authorized purposes only.
11. Email accounts provided through an external service provider chosen by the school is the only acceptable email provider to be accessed at school. All conditions of this agreement and of the service provider apply upon acceptance of an email account.
12. This acceptable use policy will be periodically reviewed by Pierceland Central School and may change based on current needs.

13. Pierceland Central School reserves the right to log internet use and monitor file server space utilization by users.

14. Pierceland Central School reserves the right to remove a user account on the network to prevent further unauthorized activity as specified in this document.

15. Failure to follow the procedures listed above will result in suspension or loss of privilege to access the internet, to use Pierceland Central School's technology and the user may be subject to other disciplinary or legal action.

16. Pierceland Central School retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and internet services owned and leased by the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and internet activity by students. Students have no expectations of privacy in their use of school computers, including email and stored files.

Authorization of Technology Use and Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

Parent/Guardian: I have read this contract and understand and agree to the terms and conditions of technology and network use. I also understand that, while best efforts are made, it is impossible for Pierceland Central School to restrict access to all controversial materials and that it is up to each individual student to use resources appropriately. I will not hold Pierceland Central School or its personnel responsible or legally liable for materials distributed to or acquired from the network or the internet. I also agree to report any misuse of the network, internet or technology to the school administration. I accept full responsibility for my child's use of the school's network, internet and other technology. I hereby give my permission to issue an account and email address for my child and certify that the information on this form is correct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Date (mo/da/year)

Student: I have read this contract and understand the terms and conditions of technology and network use and agree to abide by these. I understand that the technology, including the network and internet is in place at the school for educational purposes only. I understand that failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of this agreement may result in suspension of access to the network, internet and other technology and may result in other disciplinary actions. I will not hold Pierceland Central School personnel responsible for or legally liable for materials distributed to or acquired from the network or the internet. I also agree to report any misuse of the internet, network or other technology to a teacher or school administrator.

Signature of Student

Printed Name of Student

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