

SOUTHWEST INTERMEDIATE LEARNING CENTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

COMPUTER, NETWORK, E-MAIL, INTERNET AND CELL PHONE USE FOR

PRINT Student Name

The mission of the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center is to prepare students to become self-motivated, self-controlled, independent, competent, life-long learners and productive members of society. The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center provides students with an innovative educational experience that combines the best of both traditional classroom instruction and high tech computer-based curriculum. Access to curriculum via the Internet expands student learning beyond the traditional classroom's four walls.

The purpose of the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center in providing Internet access is to facilitate research and education. The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center staff members are cognizant that freedom of expression is an inalienable human right and the foundation for self-government. Freedom of expression encompasses the right to freedom of speech and the corollary right to receive information. Such rights extend to minors as well as adults. Schools facilitate the exercise of these rights by providing access to information regardless of format or technology. In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship.

While it is the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center's intent to make the Internet available in order to further educational goals, parents and guardians should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate and offensive. Although the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center will filter, monitor and regulate student use and access to the Internet, this regulation can not guarantee compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy. Ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the acceptable standards for their children.

The accounts provided by the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center should be used only for educational purposes. If a student is uncertain about whether a particular use of the computer network or the Internet is appropriate, he or she should consult a teacher or staff member. E-mail may be used for all correspondence, private or school related, provided the student complies with the provisions listed below.

The following uses of the accounts provided by the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center are unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action:

- I. Uses that violate any state or federal law or municipal ordinance are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1) Selling or purchasing any illegal substance, medications, or stolen property.
 - 2) Accessing, transmitting, or downloading all types of pornography, obscene depictions, harmful materials, or materials that encourage others to violate the law.
 - 3) Transmitting or downloading confidential information or copyrighted materials.

- II. Uses that involve the accessing, transmitting or downloading of inappropriate materials on the Internet as determined by the staff or other authorities.
 - 1) Accessing the Internet or e-mail during inappropriate or scheduled class times, as determined by staff.
 - 2) Uses that involve using non-school email accounts via school computers.

- 3) Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Deleting, copying, modifying, or forgoing other users' e-mails, files, or data.
 - Accessing another user's e-mail.
 - Damaging or potentially damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network.
 - Using profane, abusive, or impolite language during on-line communication.
 - Threatening, harassing, or making defamatory or false statements about others.
 - Accessing, transmitting or downloading harmful files or programs.
 - Using any computer to pursue hacking, internal or external to the school, or attempting to access information that is protected by privacy laws.

- III. Uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into accounts or other computer networks are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1) Using other users' account passwords or identifiers.
 - 2) Disclosing one's account password to other users or allowing other users to use one's accounts.
 - 3) Accessing other users' accounts or other computer networks.
 - 4) Interfering with other user's ability to access their accounts.

The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from the unauthorized use of the accounts. The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the Internet account. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center, its affiliates, or employees. Account users are responsible for any losses sustained by the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center or its affiliates, resulting from the account user's intentional misuse of the accounts.

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Use

Students may carry cell phones/electronic devices at their own risk. The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged phones and devices. Students may use cell phones/electronic devices BEFORE and AFTER school, and during school BREAKS and LUNCH only. Students may not use cell phones/electronic devices during any class, school assembly, or special event. Cell phones/electronic devices must not disrupt the educational process and/or school activities. Cell phones/electronic devices must be turned off during instructional time. The Southwest Intermediate Learning Center reserves the right to confiscate cell phones/electronic devices from students who violate the cell phone/electronic device policy. Parents will be notified to pick up the student's confiscated cell phone/electronic device from the school. Repeated violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

This Acceptable Use Policy complies with federal and state telecommunication rules and regulations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date