

# Arlington Local School District Internet Usage Policy

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Your son or daughter has the opportunity to access a world-wide computer network called the Internet. There are hundreds of resources on the Internet. You will find libraries, government agencies, universities, software, technical information, as well as over 20 million people who are part of this world-wide network. In order for your student to have access to the Internet, Arlington Local School requires your consent. Your student will not be given access to the Internet until this form is signed and returned to the School.

## STUDENT ETHICS GUIDELINES and PROHIBITIONS

### PART ONE - Student Conduct

Students may be able to retrieve materials through the Internet that you might find objectionable. Arlington Local School does have levels of security in place and your student will be monitored to minimize inappropriate use. However, it is not possible to block all inappropriate sites from the school's computers.

In addition to loss of network use for inappropriate conduct, the Arlington Local School District reserves the right to apply school disciplinary action procedures or pursue civil or criminal legal action as deemed necessary against those engaging in inappropriate activities.

### PART TWO - Misuse of the Network

The following is not presented as a comprehensive listing of prohibitions, but as examples of unacceptable use of the network.

1. Using someone else's network access is not acceptable.
2. Using network access for activities which are not related to education is not acceptable.
3. Developing or transmitting inappropriate graphics is not acceptable.
4. Soliciting other users is not acceptable.
5. Transmitting offensive, harassing statements, sexual or ethnic slurs and/or jokes is not acceptable.
6. Accessing sites that provide inappropriate materials, including sexual or racial slurs, pictures, or conversations is not acceptable.

### PART THREE - Penalty for Misuse

Violating the guidelines, prohibitions, or the District's rules for Computer/Computer Software/Copyrights may result in the loss of network access, and possible disciplinary measures as deemed necessary by the building principals.

You should also know that as a district, we have agreed to the following terms for INTERNET access through Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC).

- The NOACSC does not routinely monitor access by district staff or students to the INTERNET and does not warrant the accuracy or appropriateness of any information on any of the interconnected systems that comprise the INTERNET.
- The NOACSC does not control or routinely monitor data or information sent to, directed at, or delivered to users connected through the INTERNET. Therefore, the NOACSC, cannot and does not guarantee the appropriateness of any data or information sent to, directed at, or delivered to users connected through the INTERNET.
- Distribution of inappropriate materials can result in civil and/or criminal penalties.
- Anyone using NOACSC computer systems and the INTERNET is subject to having all of their activities monitored and recorded by system personnel. All Arlington Local School users expressly consent to such monitoring and are advised that if such monitoring reveals possible evidence of criminal activity, system personnel may provide the evidence of such monitoring to law enforcement officials.
- Arlington Local School District and NOACSC reserve the right to monitor any and all correspondence of the students accessing the Internet via the Ohio Education Computer Network.

While working on the Internet, students are expected to follow the District's rules for Computer/Computer Software/Copyrights which is available from the school. Use of the network is a privilege and may be revoked at any time for misuse.