

Internet Use

Internet and e-mail access are available to students and staff in Natrona County schools. This service is provided to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating research, resource sharing, innovation and communication in support of the curriculum and individual academic needs.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable learners to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Users are warned, however, that some materials accessible via the Internet are controversial and, by some standards, offensive. We believe that the valuable information and positive interactions available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of our schools. Users are expected to behave in an ethical, responsible, legal manner, accessing information and engaging in activities consistent with the educational goals of the schools.

Responsible users may:

- * Use the Internet for educational research purposes
- * Use the e-mail function to collaborate with others for educational purposes.

Responsible users may not:

- * Purposefully access, send or display offensive or inappropriate messages or pictures.
- * Engage in commercial for-profit activities.
- * Give their password to another person.
- * Use another's password or seek unauthorized access to files or networks.
- * Disrupt or modify any network, software or hardware.
- * Intentionally access, transmit, copy or create material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
- * Plagiarize
- * Forward any person's e-mail without prior permission.
- * Use obscene or threatening language.
- * Use any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio, or video) that defames, intimidates, harasses, or is otherwise intended to harm, insult, or humiliate another in a deliberate, repeated, or hostile and unwanted manner under a person's true or false identity.

Responsible users should:

- * Use only assigned accounts
- * Report security risks or acceptable use violations to a teacher or administrator.
- * Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful
- * Recognize that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private.
- * Download accumulated e-mail or other research files from the fileserver to save storage space.

Responsible users should not:

- * Reveal personal information (age, phone number, address, etc.) about yourself or others.

The school district maintains the network, software and equipment upon which Internet and e-mail access is provided and will assign and have access to all user accounts, including e-mail. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. E-mail or other storage of files, if used to excess, may be cleared as a general maintenance of the network. Use of the Internet, e-mail and other online services through the school district is a privilege; therefore, violations of this agreement may result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary measures or legal action. Updates and changes in policy may be implemented when needed by publishing modifications on the network system. When not restricted through parental request, student use of online services of the school constitutes acceptance of the conditions within this agreement.