

Authorization for Internet Access

Each teacher/student must sign this Authorization as a condition for using the District's Internet connection. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This authorization does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Authorization for Internet Access will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action. The signature(s) at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Use**-Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District.
2. **Privileges** - The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated the Authorization and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time; his or her decision is final.
3. **Unacceptable Use** - You are responsible for your actions and activities in involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable use are:
 - a. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other Contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulation.
 - b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or devised.
 - c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use.
 - d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain.
 - e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space.
 - f. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
 - g. Invading the privacy of individuals.
 - h. Using another user's account or password.
 - i. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent.
 - j. Posting anonymous messages.
 - k. Using the network for commercial or private advertising.
 - l. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material.
 - m. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Access to the Internet

The Paris Union District 95 goal is to include the Internet in the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint a system administrator.

Paris Union District 95 is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved via the internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the internet

Individual School Board members and administrative staff members shall be treated like teachers. "Internet" includes all information accessed by Internet sites, E-Mail, on-line services, and bulletin board systems.

Curriculum

The use of the Internet shall be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students. The Internet shall comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library-media center materials. Teachers may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum. The Internet is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's connection to the Internet must be in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the School Board's stated goal. Use is a privilege, not a right. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using the Internet. The District's Authorization for Internet Access contains the appropriate uses, ethics and protocol for the Internet. Electronic communications and downloaded materials may be monitored or read by school officials.

Authorization for Internet Access

Each teacher must sign the District's Authorization for Internet Access as a condition for using the District's Internet connection. Each student and his or her parent(s), guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised use.

The failure of any student or teacher to follow the terms of the authorization for Internet Access, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.