

CCSD 180 INTERNET POLICY STATEMENT

Mission

The mission of CCSD 180 internet initiative is to enhance learning and teaching through interpersonal communication, student access to information, research, teacher training, collaboration and dissemination of successful educational practices, methods, and materials.

Rights and Responsibilities

CCSD 180 will provide access to local, national and international sources of information and collaboration vital to intellectual inquiry in a democracy. In return for this access, every user has the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of every other user in our community and on the internet. In short, account holders are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, in accordance with the CCSD 180 Internet Code of Conduct, the missions and purposes of other networks they use on the Internet, and the laws of the states and the United States.

Access to Accounts

A CCSD 180 sponsored internet account is a privilege offered each academic year to the following:

1. CCSD 180 teacher sponsored students;
2. All educators including classroom teachers, support personnel, and administrators;
3. Educators and students from other educational institutions who are working in partnership with CCSD 180 for specific purposes over a limited period of time.

Usage Guidelines

The Internet account holder is held responsible for his/her actions and activity within his/her account. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in the suspension or revoking of these privileges and/or other disciplinary actions. Some examples of such unacceptable use are:

1. using the network for any illegal or unethical activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts;
2. using the network for financial or commercial gain
3. degrading or disrupting equipment, software or system performance;
4. vandalizing the data of another user;
5. attempting or gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
6. using an account owned by another user;
7. posting anonymous messages;
8. downloading storing or printing files or messages that are profane or obscene;
9. violating the following Content Guidelines

Content Guidelines

Students will be allowed to produce and use electronic publication materials on the Internet. Network administrators will monitor these materials to ensure compliance with content standard. The content of student materials is constrained by the following restrictions:

1. no personal information about a student will be allowed, including home telephone numbers and addresses as well as information regarding the specific location of any student at any given time;
2. all student works must be signed with the student's last name
3. all resources used in a student's work should be properly cited and all existing school/district plagiarism policies apply to internet research.

CCSD 180 Internet Consent and Waiver Form

The attached consent forms are standard network access documents that have been slightly modified for use with CCSD 180. By signing the Conditions of Use and Account Request forms, the requester and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to abide by the restrictions outlined in the policy. The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) should discuss these rights and responsibilities. Ultimately, parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow.

The CCSD 180 network system is being developed to support the school's educational responsibilities and mission. The specific conditions and services being offered may change from time to time.

CCSD 180 makes no warranties with respect to Internet service or content. Further, the requester and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) should be aware that CCSD 180 does not have control of the information on the Internet, nor can it provide barriers to account holders accessing the full range of information available. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Similarly, while CCSD 180 supports the privacy of electronic mail, account users must assume that this cannot be guaranteed.

CCSD 180 believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. We hope your student will join us on the Internet.