

Castro Valley Unified School District Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Board of Education of the Castro Valley Unified School District in keeping with its role as a public educational institution strongly believes in the educational value of electronic information systems, such as the Internet, on-line services, or local area networking. The Board recognizes the potential of electronic information systems to support curriculum and student learning by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting millions of computers worldwide. From these connected computers, students can obtain and exchange information with people in other communities, states, and nations. This information is both massive in quantity and diverse in quality. To assist in preventing students from being exposed to undesirable material, requests from district computers will pass through a filter which blocks access to inappropriate content. However, even with Internet filtering and supervision, it is impossible to predict with certainty what materials students may locate. Therefore, the educational use of electronic information systems should be limited to supporting the district's curriculum.

Users of electronic information services will be expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. All computers throughout the Castro Valley Unified School District are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and improper use will result in appropriate consequences.

Electronic Information Systems: User Obligations and Responsibilities

1. The student who has been authorized to use the Internet or similar service must recognize that it is a privilege and that he/she is responsible for its proper use at all times. The student agrees to follow all rules and policies specific to the location of the particular computer (e.g. library, classroom, computer lab). This might include, but not limited to, logging system activities, following procedures for downloading and saving files.
2. The system shall be used only for purposes related to education. Use for personal profit, political and/or personal non-educational use of the district's system is strictly prohibited. The district reserves the right to monitor any system activity for proper use.
3. Transmission (locating, accessing, and exchanging) of any material in violation of United States or state regulations is prohibited. Users shall not transmit material that is threatening, obscene or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, nation origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs. Users shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote any activity prohibited by law or district policy.
4. Users shall not use the network in such a way that disrupts others or the use of the network by others.

5. Copyrighted material may not be placed on the system without the author's permission. Users may download copyrighted material for their own use only. However, users will not plagiarize works that they find through the system and will respect the rights of copyrighted owners.
6. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of user privileges or other appropriate consequences. Vandalism includes uploading, downloading or creating computer viruses and/or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or the data of any other user. It also includes modifying any operating system.
7. Students may not reveal identifying information, such as home address, personal phone number, or photograph, about themselves or others through the district's electronic information system without prior written teacher and parent permission. Photographs that do not provide recognizable images of individuals may be used without permission.
8. When students are given access to a personal directory or folder, access to these private storage areas is not to be disclosed to any other student. Accessing, altering, or deleting another student's files on a server or on some other storage device may result in the loss of privileges. Information stored in student files, whether on disk or on a server, is not guaranteed as private and will be treated similar to information stored in a student binder or locker.
9. Students shall not use the district electronic information system to participate in Internet chat or similar activities except when authorized and supervised by a teacher for educational purposes.
10. Users shall report any problem, including security problems or misuse of the network, to a teacher, principal or other appropriate school employee.

Consequences:

Misuse or failure to comply with these guidelines can result in the loss of system privileges, other disciplinary actions as outlined in the school code of conduct, or legal action as appropriate.

Castro Valley Unified School District
Internet User Contract
2009/10

Student: I, _____, pledge to follow the district's rules while using the Internet at school. If I break these rules, I agree to the following consequences:

- principal may be notified
 - phone call home
 - loss of computer privileges
 - appropriate discipline as defined in the Code of Conduct
1. I will never give out personal information such as my name, picture of myself, home address, telephone number, or the name and location of my school.
 2. I will tell my teacher right away if I come across any problem or information that makes me feel uncomfortable. I will not look for the wrong things on the Internet.
 3. I will always treat people on-line with respect and treat them as I would like to be treated. I will not copy other people's work.
 4. I understand that the information on the Internet may or may not be accurate. The Castro Valley Unified School District makes no guarantee of any kind concerning the accuracy of information obtained on-line.

This user contract will be in effect for the 2009/10 school year.

Student Signature _____ Date _____.

Parent: As the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, I have read and agree to the content of the attached document (Student Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Information Systems: Exhibit 6163.4a) and grant permission for this student to access electronic information systems, such as the Internet, at school. I understand that students and guardians may be held liable for violations of the guidelines outlined in this document which may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of user privileges or appropriate legal action. Requests for Internet sites from district computers pass through a filter designed to block access to undesirable sites. However, I understand that it is impossible for the Castro Valley Unified School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired through the electronic information systems. I accept responsibility to provide guidance for use of electronic information systems by setting and conveying standards for this student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. This user contract will be in effect for the 2009/10 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____.

_____ I do not want my student, _____, using the Internet at school. However, I do realize that the teachers may use the Internet for presentations and that other students may be using it for class assignments. This user contract will be in effect for the 2009/10 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____.

Please return this entire sheet to _____.