

Acceptable use and Internet Safety policy

Prairie-Hills District 144 provides access to computers and the internet for the purposes of promoting the use of networking and telecommunication technology as a tool to augment the teaching and learning process. All use of the network must be consistent with this purpose and be in accordance with this policy.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that those using the information resources will do so with respect for the public trust and in accordance with Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144's mission and educational goals and the policy and regulations established by state and/or federal agencies, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Access to Electronic Networks

The School Board's goal is to include electronic networks, including the Internet, in the District's instructional program in order to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The School District 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.

Curriculum:

The use of the District's Technology System shall (1) 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, and (2) 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.

Acceptable Use:

All of the District's Technology System must be (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the School Board's stated goals, or (2) for a legitimate business purpose. Use of the District Technology System is a privilege, not a right. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Authorization for District Technology System:

All District employees and members of the Board of Education must sign the District's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*, as a condition for using the District's electronic network. 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 Electronic Network Access*, or this policy will result in the loss of computer privileges, disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or appropriate legal action.

Prairie-Hills Elementary District 144
Internet Use Agreement

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the Acceptable Use Policy of this school district before signing this Internet Use Agreement. The signature at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions of said policy carefully, understands their significance and agrees to abide by all provisions of said policy.

User: I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy of Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 relating to the use of the Internet and will abide by this Internet Use Agreement. Prairie-Hills is not liable for lost, damaged or unavailable information due to technical or other difficulties; and is not responsible for what users do or the information they access. I acknowledge that the majority of such information is generated outside of Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144. I further understand that any violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and/or this Internet Use Agreement may jeopardize my access privileges and certain such violations may constitute criminal offenses. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be suspended or revoked.

(User's Name – Please Print)

(User's Signature) (Date)

Parent/Guardian: *If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian signature is also required. As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement for Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I will not hold the district responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for Prairie-Hills to restrict and prevent access to controversial materials and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that there is information on the network that I otherwise might not want to have available to this student. Further, I accept full responsibility for my student's action on the network in school as well as at other locations.

(Parent/Guardian Name—please print)

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)