ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Terms & Conditions for Internet and Network Usage

The following is the Johnson City Independent School District Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Internet, Distance Learning, and Network Usage. All students and district employees must abide by said rules.

Many resources beyond traditional classroom boundaries are available to our students and staff. The Internet (the world wide web), our internal network (the Johnson City Independent School District infrastructure), the TLC (Texas Library Connection), and many other resources, are a fantastic opportunity for our children and students to broaden their learning experiences considerably.
We are very pleased to bring these resources to our community of learners. All these resources offer vast, diverse, and unique tools to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to our community is to promote educational excellence in JCISD by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, communication, and the latest tools for learning. Ultimately, our students will be completely prepared for the world awaiting their company.

The JCISD Network is an electronic network which accesses the Internet at the district level. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Through the JCISD Network or other Internet connection, students and teachers have access to electronic mail communication with people all over the world; for example information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions; public domain and shareware software of all types; discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics; access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, and databases of all kinds.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. JCISD has taken available precautions which are limited, to restrict access to controversial materials. JCISD uses various software programs and/or applications such as **a firewall, to restrict access to some locations and a filter to block unwanted websites and programs**. A staff member will supervise students while they are using school Internet resources. On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this Project. So said, JCISD will incorporate ALL available solutions to stop any inappropriate usage.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a JCISD user violates any of these provisions, his or her account with JCISD Network could be terminated, future access may be denied, and disciplinary action could result.

This Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet and any other Internet-related policy and procedures will remain on file at the appropriate campus administrative office of the end user. This and other related documents will be available for review by all parents, guardians, school employees, and other community members.

JCISD Network - Terms and Conditions
Note: JCISD will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

1) Acceptable Use - The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Johnson City Independent School District. Use of other organization's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. The use of the Internet resources may not be used in violation of any U.S., state or local regulation. The Internet resources **may not be used to upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit, or threatening material. In addition, the Internet resources may not be used to participate in "Chat" programs, music streaming/downloading programs, or e-mail programs without explicit permission from the campus principal. Included in the unacceptable list is any program downloaded or used to interfere or otherwise cause network or computer/workstation level problems.** All infractions are at the discretion of the network administrator and the campus leaders.

The Internet resources may not be used to infringe on copyright or to plagiarize materials.

2) Privileges - The use of JCISD Network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a JCISD faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of JCISD may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3) Netiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

* Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages to others. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Do not distribute pornography,

obscene or sexually explicit materials.
* Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers or that of other students or colleagues.
* Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
* Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users (e.g. downloading huge files during prime time; sending mass e-mail messages).
* All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the private property of Johnson City Independent School District.

4) Students will not respond to unsolicited online contact.

5) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the JCISD Network or on any device in the district, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. **Do not use another individual's accounts. Do not give your password to any other individual.** Attemptsto login to the system as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any attempts to login to JCISD Network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to JCISD Network.

6) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, JCISD Network, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to JCISD Network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
7) It is possible for students to purchase goods and services via the internet, and that these purchases could potentially result in unwanted financial obligations. **This activity will be prohibited on access through the JCISD Network**.

8) Students will not be allowed to subscribe to listservers or news groups unless specific permission is provided by the parent/guardian in writing and permission of the teacher.

9) Updating Your User Information - JCISD Network may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify JCISD Network of any changes in your account information (address, etc.). Currently, there are no user fees for this service.

10) Exception of Terms and Conditions - All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Johnson City Independent School District. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, United States of America.

11) Johnson City Independent School District will not be held liable for:

* Information stored on school corporation disks, hard drives, or servers
* Information retrieved through the school computers, networks, or online resources
* Personal property used to access school computers, networks, or online resources
* Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from use of school resources and accounts to access the internet.

12) Consequences- A student who violates the terms of the JCISD Acceptable Use Policy will be subject to suspension of access and/or revocation of privileges on the District's system, will be required to make restitution for costs associated with system restoration, as applicable, and will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Any JCISD student or employee may apply for an Internet Account. To do so you must complete the Handbook and Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgment Form. The student will then be assigned an account with a user name.