

Computer Systems, Internet and Email Acceptable Use Agreement for Students

The use of technology in the Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS) provides an opportunity for students to enhance learning, productivity and communication. The computer hardware and software of the Kalamazoo Public Schools will be used solely for educational purposes specified by the Board of Trustees in its policy: Access to Computer Networked Information Resources (Policy 4.6).

The district recognizes existing federal requirements for privacy and Internet safety (i.e., *The Children's Internet Protection Act* [CIPA]). To this end Internet filters are in place to block access to obscene and inappropriate materials for minors.

Computer Network, Internet and Email Rules for Student Use

- Parent permission is required for minors. Each student and parent/guardian will complete and return the permission form on the back of this document to gain access to district-provided technology. The building principal will maintain a list of students who have received permission and those who have not.
- Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway.
- The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others consistent with the educational mission of the school district.
- Independent access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.
- Network storage areas and electronic communication may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Students should not expect that these files and messages stored on KPS devices will always be private.
- Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility and can be revoked.

Disciplinary action will be taken as deemed appropriate in response to an offense consistent with the disciplinary policies and guidelines of the school district. Students are expected to abide by guidelines for computer systems and Internet use that are consistent with the Kalamazoo Public Schools' *Student Code of Conduct*. This would also include any infractions or violations unique to electronic communications devices including cyberbullying, harassment, pornography, libel, copyright violation or any other items specified in the *KPS Student Code of Conduct*.

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AGREEMENT

I have read and will abide by the Kalamazoo Public Schools Computer Systems, Internet and Email Acceptable Use Agreement for Students. I understand that any violation of the policy will require a response consistent with the disciplinary policies and guidelines of the school district as found in the *Student Code of Conduct*.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Kalamazoo Public Schools Computer Systems, Internet and Email Acceptable Use Agreement for Students. I understand that student access is intended for educational purposes and have discussed appropriate use with my student.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

To be filled out and returned to the school prior to student use of the Internet, Email, computers and related equipment provided and maintained by the Kalamazoo Public Schools.