

GILMER COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM Student Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Internet users are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines are used to help ensure appropriate use of the Internet at the Gilmer County School System.

Student Expectations in Use of the Internet

- a. Students shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, child pornography, "harmful to minors", or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.
- b. Students shall not use school resources to engage in "hacking" or attempts to otherwise compromise system security.
- c. Students shall not engage in any illegal or unethical activities on the Internet.
- d. Students shall only use electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications for school-related purposes.
- e. Students shall not disclose personal information, such as name, school, address, and telephone number outside of the school network.

Any violation of school policy and rules may result in loss of school-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Enforcement of policy

- a. The Gilmer County School System uses a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to block access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the Gilmer County School System.
- b. The technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access may be disabled by a Gilmer County School System staff member for bona fide research purposes by an adult.
- c. A Gilmer County School System staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for a student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked by the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access.
- d. The Gilmer County School System staff will monitor students' use of the Internet, through either direct supervision, or by monitoring Internet use history, to ensure enforcement of the policy.

The Gilmer County School System Internet Acceptable Use Policy, Approved by the Gilmer County Board of Education, 02/12/2002.

Approved 02/12/2002 Gilmer County Board of Education

The signature(s) on the attached agreement and application is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Student

I have read the terms and conditions of the *Gilmer County School System Internet Acceptable Use Agreement*. I understand and will abide by the stated terms and conditions. I further understand that any violation of these regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be pursued.

Parents are notified that filtering technology does not block access to all inappropriate sites one hundred percent of the time. Due to the nature of the Internet, it is neither practical nor possible for the Board of Education to enforce compliance with user rules at all times. Since the Internet opens up the world to unrestricted access, teachers cannot assume the responsibility for monitoring every document to which a student may gain access. Therefore, teachers are not to be held accountable for what the student may access through the Internet beyond instructional directives. All users are fully responsible for their own actions, including legal, financial, or otherwise. All users are responsible for reporting inappropriate materials and location to the teacher in charge immediately. Accordingly, parents and students must recognize that students will be required to make independent decisions and use good judgment in their use of the Internet. Therefore, parents must participate in the decision whether to allow their children access to the Internet and must communicate their own expectations to their children regarding its use.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (MI)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement and application.