

## **USD 481 – Rural Vista**

### **COMPUTER PRIVACY**

Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or computer systems. E-mail messages shall be used only for approved educational purposes. Students must use appropriate language in all messages. Students are expected to use the system following guidelines approved by teachers and/or the administration.

Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers or computer systems is subject to monitoring by the staff and/or administration. The school retains the right to duplicate any information created by students in a computer system or on any individual computer. Students, who violate these rules, or any other classroom rules relating to computer use, are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

### **USD 481 - Internet & School Network - Acceptable Use Policy**

#### **WHY THE INTERNET?**

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the school district. We are very pleased to bring this access to USD 481 and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to students and teachers is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. 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. Families should be aware that although the teachers and staff of USD 481 will attempt to monitor use of the Internet, there is always a possibility that students could access a site that might be illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. Although these sites exist and cannot totally be blocked, we feel the benefits of Internet access far outweigh the negative access that could occur.

## **INTERNET & SCHOOL NETWORK GUIDELINES**

USD 481's purpose in providing access to the Internet is to support research and education by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of an account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school district. Sending or receiving of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. 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 USD 481 may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

Before access is granted, each user must receive training. Parents have the option of denying their child individual access to the Internet. The following guidelines are provided so everyone is aware of the responsibilities that come with using the Internet. If a USD 481 user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could be denied. The signatures on this document are legally binding and indicate that those who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

## **USD 481 - Rules For Internet & School Network Use**

1. Never share your password or account with anyone. You have full responsibility for the use of your account. You will be held responsible for any violations of these rules that can be traced to your account.
2. Do not vandalize computers, software, or network devices.
3. Obey the rules of copyright.
4. Do not download software without written permission of the system administrator.
5. Do not post or send quotes from other people without their permission.
6. Do not use the network for any illegal activities.  
Illegal activities include tampering with computer hardware or software, unauthorized entry into computers, or vandalism or destruction of computer files. In some cases, such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law.
7. Do not deliberately spread computer viruses.  
Computer viruses are programs that have been developed as pranks, and can destroy valuable programs and data. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance of the local school network or any other computer system or network on the Internet by spreading computer viruses is considered criminal activity under state and federal law.
8. Use appropriate language.  
  
Profanity or obscenity will not be tolerated on the school network. You must use language appropriate for school situations as indicated by school policy.
9. Avoid offensive or inflammatory speech.  
  
Internet users must respect the rights of others both in the local community and in the Internet at large. If you encounter language on the Internet which makes you feel uncomfortable, bring the incident to the attention of the teacher.
10. Be aware that giving out personal information on the Internet can be dangerous.
11. Do not use a school account to post anonymous or false information.  
Individuals must take responsibility for their actions and words.
12. Do not intentionally search for, view, and/or distribute inappropriate materials.
13. Be aware that students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district Internet, e-mail or other official communication systems.

## **USD 481 - Internet Agreement For Students and Parents**

Please read the attached pages of information then sign and return this agreement to the school office. It must be on file before your child is permitted to use the school's network services.

### **STUDENT AGREEMENT:**

I understand that the use of school network services, including Internet access, is a privilege, not a right. After reading the Acceptable Use Policy and the Rules for Internet & School Network Use, I understand and will abide by the USD 481 Network Use Guidelines. I also understand that my failure to comply with the above guidelines can result in loss of my network privileges as well as more serious disciplinary and/or legal action. I also understand that all USD 481 Board of Education policies are in effect while I am utilizing the school network services and that the loss of Internet & School Network privileges might have a negative effect on my class grades.

Signature

Date

### **PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION:**

I have read and understand the USD 481 Internet & School Network Policy. I also understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that school personnel will make every effort to properly supervise my child's use of network services. I understand that since it is technically impossible for USD 481 to restrict access to ALL controversial materials, I will not hold them responsible for any materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to have individual Internet & School Network access.

Signature

Date

### **PARENT OR GUARDIAN DENIAL OF PERMISSION:**

I do not wish my child to have individual access to the Internet.