

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) provides internet access and information technology resources for its users. These resources will be integrated where appropriate in the PreK-12 curriculum. When possible, MAPSD will be partners with community technology projects.

It is essential that each user recognize their responsibility in having access to services, sites, and people. The user is ultimately responsible for their actions in accessing MAPSD's computer and network services, and for adhering to MAPSD use policies, procedures and guidelines.

It is impossible to control all materials from the internet. Our focus is in providing internet access or other information technology in ways appropriate to their educational needs.

Through MAPSD's network and internet access, users may:

- access global resources.
- enter into partnerships to enhance their learning options.
- broaden their problem-solving and decision-making abilities.
- broaden their research capabilities by using primary materials.
- develop their higher-level thinking skills.
- gain an employability skill needed for the 21st century.
- utilize a personalized, motivational learning opportunity.
- differentiate and assess available resources.

Policy Statements

- Access to the computer network and resources within MAPSD is a privilege, not a right. This privilege will be revoked at any time for deliberate use not consistent with the "Information Technology Code of Conduct" (KGA-R). Furthermore, unacceptable use may result in suspension or revocation of network privileges and possibly other disciplinary action up to and including legal action.
- Users shall not access or use electronic mail or other communication systems to relay threatening, intimidating, abusive or harassing messages. Such use may result in criminal sanctions consistent with Wisconsin Statutes §947.0125.
- Users shall not impose their choices on others, access private files, attempt to break the security systems, copy software illegally or use computer supplies that are not for school-related activities. Users accessing MAPSD computers or networks may not corrupt network integrity by deliberately allowing inappropriate and/or dangerous files (i.e. viruses) to enter the system.
- Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- Copyrighted material may not be placed on the network without the copyright owner's permission.

- Users are responsible for the ethical and educational use of their own accounts. These accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purposes. Users shall not intentionally obtain copies of and/or modify the files or passwords belonging to other users.
- MAPSD is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its information technology resources. MAPSD is also not responsible for any damages the user suffers, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, hardware system problems or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via MAPSD technology is at the user's risk.
- Principals may establish additional rules and procedures that they deem necessary to ensure proper use of the computers and networks in their buildings.

Responsibility and Consent

Though MAPSD does employ some types of filtering software it **DOES NOT** have complete control of information and content on the internet. Therefore, the information which users have access to may include material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially objectionable to some people. While it is the intent of MAPSD to make internet access or other technology services available to further educational goals, users may have the ability to access unintended materials as well. Therefore, access to the internet independently via technology provided through MAPSD requires "signature of user acknowledgment of responsible use".

CROSS REFERENCE: GBCAB, IIBGAA, IIBGAB, IIBGC, & KGA-R

LEGAL REFERENCE: 120.18, 121.02(1)(H), 943.70, 947.0125, 948.12 Wis. Stats., PI 8.01(2)(h), PI 9.03 of the Wis. Admin. Code, COPPA 16 CFR §312.6, 312.7, ACT 7 (18 U.S.C. §2252), 17 U.S.C. §512, CIPPA (47 U.S.C. §254 (h), (l)).

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CODE OF CONDUCT

The user is responsible for their actions while using the internet or other information technology. Unacceptable use will result in the suspension or revocation of network privileges and possibly other disciplinary action. Typical types of unacceptable use may be, but are not limited to, accessing for monetary personal gain, pornography, endangering the health/safety of others, gambling, union activity and/or use in any manner so as to cause damage or disruption of the system. MAPSD administration will determine what is “unacceptable use” and such decisions are final.

RULES FOR COMPUTER AND NETWORK USE

All users are expected to use good judgment and communicate in a responsible and appropriate manner and to understand that computer and network use is a privilege and not a right.

Acceptable Use (but not limited to) - Responsible users will:

- Understand that all technology software, hardware, communication, electronic and wireless/wiring components that are property of MAPSD are governed by all applicable school policies.
- Understand that files are not private and may be monitored.
- Follow proper forms of etiquette for network/technology use.
- Respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws or regulations.
- Follow MAPSD technology regulations that may be posted.

Unacceptable Use (but not limited to) - Responsible users shall not:

- Use the Internet for any illegal purpose. Violators will be reported to proper authorities.
- Use impolite or abusive language.
- Use the system for personal profit.
- Use an account other than their own.
- Create and/or distribute a computer virus.
- Respond to electronic communication that is threatening or obscene.
- Disrupt the use of the network by others.
- Waste technology supplies (i.e. print paper).
- Deliberately or willfully cause damage to hardware or assist others in doing same.