

FILE: KGA

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

The power of electronic networks and resources continues to transform the educational culture from one of isolation to one of connectivity. The Medford Area Public School District provides telecommunication access for its users. These resources will be integrated where appropriate in the PreK-12 curriculum. When possible, the district will be partners with the community in telecommunications efforts. As users of the Medford Area Public School District use telecommunications resources, it is essential that each user recognize his/her responsibility in having access to vast services, sites, and people. The user is ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing telecommunication services, and for adhering to district use policies, procedures and guidelines. In the environment of a global network, it is impossible to control all materials. Our focus is in providing Internet access or other telecommunications in ways appropriate to his/her educational needs.

Through telecommunication 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

1. Access to the electronic network and resources within the Medford Area Public School District is a privilege, not a right. This privilege will be revoked at any time for deliberate use not consistent with the "Telecommunication Code of Conduct" (KGA-R) of the district. Furthermore, unacceptable use may result in suspension or revocation of network privileges and possibly other disciplinary action up to and including legal action.
2. Users shall not access or use electronic mail or other computerized communication systems to relay threatening, intimidating, abusive or harassing messages. Such use may result in criminal sanctions consistent with Wisconsin Statutes §947.0125.
3. 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.
4. Users accessing district telecommunications systems may not corrupt network integrity by deliberately allowing inappropriate and/or dangerous files (i.e. viruses) to enter the system.
5. Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

6. Copyrighted material may not be placed on the network without the copyright owner's permission.
7. 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.
8. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its telecommunications services. The district 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 district technology is at the user's risk.
9. Principals may establish additional rules and procedures that they deem necessary to insure proper use of the telecommunications in their buildings.

Responsibility and Consent

Though the district does employ some types of filtering software it **DOES NOT** have complete control of information on the Internet or other telecommunication services. 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 the Medford Area Public School District to make Internet access or other telecommunication 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 the Medford Area Public School District 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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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE OF CONDUCT

The user is responsible for his/her actions while using the Internet or other telecommunications. Unacceptable uses 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. Medford Area Public School District administration will determine what is “unacceptable use” and such decisions are final.

RULES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS USE

All users are expected to use good judgment and communicate in a responsible and appropriate manner and to understand that telecommunications 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 the school district are governed by all applicable school policies.
- will understand that files are not private and may be monitored.
- will follow proper forms of etiquette for network/technology use
- will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws or regulations.
- will follow district 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
- shall NOT use impolite or abusive language
- shall NOT use the system for personal profit.
- shall NOT use an account other than their own
- shall NOT create and/or distribute a computer virus.
- shall NOT respond to electronic communication that is threatening or obscene
- shall NOT disrupt the use of the network by others
- shall NOT waste technology supplies (i.e. print paper)
- shall NOT deliberately or willfully cause damage to hardware or assist others in doing the same