

WEST JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT #253
603.4 Computer And Network Usage

Computer network service through the Internet provides an electronic highway connecting millions of computers around the world. West Jefferson School District, through its network, maintains access for its community to local, national and international sources of information, and to provide an atmosphere that encourages access to knowledge and sharing of information.

The use of the district's computer networking capabilities is a privilege, not a right. Permission from parents or guardians is required before students may access the computer network services. All school district users must sign a User Agreement before access is permitted.

This district and its administrators do not have control of the content of information that may be found in other computer systems. Some computer systems may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal materials. This district does not knowingly permit usage of such materials in the school environment.

West Jefferson School District #253 and the school site make no warranties with respect to the service provided and specifically assume no responsibility for:

1. The content of any advise or information received by a student from a source, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeking or accepting such advice.
2. Any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her Internet access.
3. Any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of West Jefferson District #253 or the school site.
4. The privacy of electronic mail on district computers.

The use of this district's computer network services must be for educational purposes only and must be consistent with the district's educational goals. Usage may not be for private or commercial purposes. Users shall not attempt to sell or offer for sale any goods or services that could be construed as a commercial enterprise unless approved by the board of trustees.

All illegal activity is prohibited. This may include sending, receiving, or accessing obscene or pornographic material; and sending, receiving, or accessing harassing or objectionable material.

All computer system users must abide by the etiquette rules outlines on the User Agreement. Any action by a school district user that is determined by the designated administrator to constitute an inappropriate use of this district's computer network service is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

Copyright material shall not be placed on any system connected to this district's computer network service without the author's written permission.

Vandalism of computers or the network access will result in disciplinary actions. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading of viruses, attempting to destroy data of another user or the network service or do damage to the computer hardware or software in any way.

This policy is applicable to any member of the West Jefferson District community and refers to all information resources whether individually controlled, shared, stand alone or networked. Disciplinary action, if any, for students, staff and other users shall be consistent with the district's standard policies and practices. Where use of external networks is involved, policies governing such use also are applicable. Violations can constitute cause for revocation of access privileges, suspension of access to school district computers, or other action and/or appropriate legal action. Exact disciplinary measures will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Adopted: October 16, 1996

**West Jefferson School District #253
Student Acceptable Use Consent Form**

Student Section

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

I have read the District's Student Acceptable User Policy Rules and Procedures document. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my access can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Section

I have read the District's Student Acceptable User Policy Rules and Procedures document.

I hereby release the district, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the electronic network. This includes, but is not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the network components.

I give permission for my child to access all components of the district electronic network, which includes Internet access, computer services, videoconferencing, computer equipment and related equipment for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____