Ava R-I School District's Student Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

It is intended that the use of Ava R-I District's Intranet/Internet be primarily for the support of education. In-class network access time is to be used only for classroom purposes. The district prohibits the use of the computer/telephony network in a manner that results in the loss of **instructional time.**

The use of **the internet is a privilege**, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The building administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the building administrators may deny, revoke, or suspend a specific user's privileges. Students are expected to abide by the **generally accepted rules of netiquette** (network etiquette). These include (but are not limited to) the following:

·   It is not acceptable to transmit illegal material, profanity, sexually oriented, offensive and/or intimidating material, or anything contrary to district standards.

·   Be polite. Do not get abusive in your message to others.

·   Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.

·   Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

Electronic mail (email) will only be allowed for educational purposes including communicating with staff members and other educational professionals, exchanging instructional materials, and sending and receiving messages for curricular purposes. Students should understand that e-mail is neither private nor secure. Therefore, the uttermost care should be taken to ensure the privacy of any personal information in communications.

Students must register all email accounts and be aware that occasional spot checks may be made on what they send. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Security on the Ava R-I School District's computer/telephone network involves numerous users and contains legally protected student information. The district prohibits the misuse of the network, Internet, or any computer workstation. This includes but not limited to:

·   Using any teacher/ staff's workstation.

·   Obtaining/using any network or SIS password.

·   Any downloading/ uploading (video streaming, etc.) or other activity that requires excessive use of network bandwidth.

Vandalism is defined as any theft or damage to hardware, malicious attempt to harm or destroy data on the local workstation, servers, or Internet/intranet. Student/parents/guardians will be required to pay for the repair or replacement of any damage. This includes, but not limited to:

·   Gaining entry or "hacking" into a computer system to bypass the console locking program or network security through the network, Internet, or with a software program.

·   Willfully spreading a computer virus or spy-ware.

·   Communicating or demonstrating a security problem on the network to other students. Notify the District Technology Staff of any security violation.

·   Using another individual's account without written permission from that individual.

 All Intranet and internet usage by students of the Ava R-I School District shall be in agreement with the following terms:

·   No chat rooms, non-educational blog sites, offensive language in e-mails, accessing of nudity/ pornography, or accessing any inappropriate websites.

·   No computer or Internet games are to be played on any district computer.

·   No printing of materials other that school projects/assignments without teacher authorization. Personal printing will result in a fee of 10 cents per page. No printing directly from the World Wide Web.

·   The District requires all computers including monitors to be turned off at the end of each and every school day. The last student in a computer lab at the end of the school day is responsible for shutting off his/her computer and monitor.

·   No student-owned storage devices, such as digital video disks, flash drives, etc. are to be used on district computers without a virus scan by a teacher/ staff member.

·   Any student must be under teacher supervision while using any network district computer.

·   Food or drinks are not allowed in any Computer Lab or near any computer.

School district telephones are primarily used for communication with offices and student's parents/guardians. Instruction time will not be interrupted for student calls except in emergencies. Students may use only office telephones under supervision when there is a legitimate need.

*The **Ava R-I School District makes no warranties** of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Ava R-I School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the internet is at your own risk. Ava R-I School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.*