

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE

Yuba City Unified School District

Yuba City Unified School District offers an Internet network, YCUSDnet, accessible by students, teachers, and staff. The Internet, an electronic highway, connects thousands of computers, computer networks and individual subscribers around the world. YCUSDnet users will sign an "Internet Acceptable Use Agreement" prior to being given access to YCUSDnet. This agreement will define the educational objectives and guidelines for use as well as unacceptable uses which will lead to revocation of access and possible legal action.

YCUSDnet will install centralized software to control, monitor, and filter inappropriate material. Students under age 18 must have written parental permission before being given access to YCUSDnet.

Yuba City Unified School District Internet Policy

Internet provides access to computer systems located all over the world. Users (and parents of users, if the user is younger than age 18) must understand that YCUSD cannot control the content of the information available. Some of the information is controversial and, sometimes, offensive. However, the valuable information and interaction accessible on this worldwide network outweigh the possibility that users may find inappropriate material. YCUSD does not condone the use of such materials and takes all reasonable precautions to filter access to these materials, however it can not be guaranteed that the user will not access inappropriate material. The responsibilities accompanying freedom of speech and access to information will be taught. School employees, students, and parents must be aware that access to the Internet will be withdrawn from users who do not respect the rights of others or who do not follow the rules and regulations established by YCUSD. Following is a listing of YCUSD goals and the types of information students will be able to access:

YCUSDnet Goals:

1. To support the implementation of YCUSD Schools' Performance Standards and the California Standard Course of Study.
2. To enhance student learning opportunities by focusing on the application of skills in information retrieval, searching strategies, research skills, and critical thinking.

Internet Access:

The District Internet system has a limited educational purpose. The system will be provided to students to assist them in supervised classroom and career development activities, and for high-quality self-discovery activities. Additionally, the system will be used to increase District intra-communication and to enhance productivity.

Teachers and personnel who, due to the nature of their jobs, directly forward the educational goals of the district, will also be provided access.

I. ACCEPTABLE USE - YCUSDnet will be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner and must be in support of the educational objectives and the student behavior guidelines of Yuba City Unified School District. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Violating copyright laws
- B. Forwarding personal communications without the author's prior consent
- C. Using threatening or obscene material
- D. Distributing material protected by trade secret
- E. Utilizing YCUSDnet for commercial purposes
- F. Providing political or campaign information

II. RESTRICTIONS - YCUSDnet will employ web filtering hardware and software that will provide central Internet control, monitoring, and filtering. This hardware/software is a critical component of the Internet protection package since it allows valuable online Internet access while restricting access to specific unwanted categories including pornography, gambling, illegal drugs, weapons, online merchandising, hate speech, criminal skills, alternative journals, and games. The program filtering will be updated on a regular basis to keep the restriction list as current as possible.

III. NETIQUETTE RULES - Users must abide by network etiquette rules. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Be polite; rudeness is never acceptable
- B. Use appropriate language; do not swear, use vulgarities or other abusive or inappropriate language
- C. Do not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers
- D. Do not disrupt the use of the network
- E. Assume that all communications and information accessible via the network is private property.

IV. PRIVILEGES - The use of YCUSDnet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in limitation or cancellation of user privileges and possible disciplinary actions.

V. DISCLAIMER - YCUSD will not be responsible for any damages suffered, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, service interruptions, or inaccurate information. The user accepts personal responsibility for any information obtained via the Internet.

VI. SECURITY - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Attempts to tamper with or access the system as any other user or to share a password will result in cancellation of user privileges. Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private; system operators have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities, and disciplinary action will follow.

VII. VANDALISM - Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges and disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment and/or data of anyone connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to uploading, creating, or transmitting computer viruses.

VIII. UPDATES - YCUSD may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue providing services. You must notify the system administrator of any changes in your account information. All Terms and Conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Yuba City Unified School District. These Terms and Conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California, United States of America.

IX. AGREEMENT - Students must sign the acceptable use policy below. Parent or guardian must also sign the acceptable use policy prior to students under age 18 accessing Yuba City Unified School District Internet.

I, _____ (typed or printed name), understand and will abide by the Yuba City Unified School District Internet Acceptable Use rules and regulations. I further understand that any violation will result in the loss of access privileges and school disciplinary action.

Staff or Student Signature: _____

Staff or Student ID#: _____

Date: _____

I, _____ (typed or printed name), have read the Yuba City Unified School District Internet Acceptable Use rules and regulations for Internet use and understand that this access is designed for educational purposes only. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all inappropriate materials. However, I accept full responsibility for my child's compliance and, hereby, give my permission for my child to use the Internet.

Parent/Guardian's
Signature: _____

Date: _____