

Coweta County School System

Internet Access - Students

Terms and Conditions for Use of the Internet /Internet Safety Policy

It is the policy of the Coweta County School System to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors, and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Privileges - The use of Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges.

Each student must participate in general information training concerning the appropriate educational use of the Internet before the student will be allowed access to the Internet. Students will not have access privileges from home. Students will have access privileges only at school under the supervision of a teacher. Parents or guardians may attend an informational meeting if they have questions or concerns.

Unacceptable Usage

The user is responsible for all his/her actions and activities involving the network. Examples of prohibited conduct include but are not limited to the following:

1. Accessing materials or communications that are
 - a. Damaging to another persons reputation
 - b. Abusive
 - c. Obscene
 - d. Sexually oriented
 - e. Threatening or demeaning to another person's gender or race
 - f. Contrary to the school's policy on harassment
 - g. Harassing
 - h. Illegal.
2. Sending, creating, or posting materials or communications that are
 - a. Damaging to another person's reputation
 - b. Abusive
 - c. Obscene
 - d. Sexually oriented
 - e. Threatening or demeaning to another person's gender or race
 - f. Contrary to the school's policy on harassment
 - g. Harassing
 - h. Illegal
3. Using the school's computer hardware or network for illegal activity such as copying software or violation of copyright laws.
4. Making copies of software on any school's computer or computer system.
5. Copying or downloading copyrighted software for one's own personal use.
6. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain.
7. Loading or using games, public domain, shareware, or any other unauthorized programs on any of the school's computers or computer systems.
8. Purposely infecting any school computer or network with a virus or program designed to damage, alter, or destroy data.
9. Gaining unauthorized access to network resources.
10. Attempting to bypass Internet filtering devices.
11. Invading or attempting to use another person's user name or password.
12. Posting or plagiarizing work created by another person without their consent.
13. Posting anonymous messages.
14. Using the network for commercial or private advertising.
15. Forging electronic mail messages.
16. Attempting to read, alter, delete, or copy the electronic mail of other system users.
17. Using the school's computer hardware, network, or Internet link while access privileges are suspended.
18. Using the school's computer hardware, network, or Internet link in a manner that is inconsistent with a teacher's directions and generally accepted network etiquette.
19. Attempting to alter the configuration of a computer of any of the school's software. Examples include changing screen colors, backgrounds, screen savers, etc.
20. World Wide Web- Students do not have permission to create "home pages" or directories. Student work will be published only under the direction of the supervising teacher.

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21. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions - All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to Coweta County students. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall apply to the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.
22. Every student of the Coweta County School System will be given a unique user name and password to logon onto the County's network. All users must use their own logon credentials to access the network. Giving this username and password to another individual is a direct violation of Coweta County Board policy.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Coweta County School System online computer network when using electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking', and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Coweta County School System staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Education for minors shall include: appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms; and cyber bullying awareness and response

Cyber bullying

Cyber bullying is when a child is threatened, harassed, humiliated, or embarrassed by another child using digital technologies such as the Internet.

Some examples of cyber bullying are:

- Pretending to be someone else online to trick others
- Spreading lies and rumors about others
- Tricking people into revealing personal information
- Sending or forwarding mean text messages
- Posting pictures of people without their consent

You can prevent cyber bullying if you "take 5" before responding to something you encounter online. You can stop communication with cyber bullies; and you can also report cyber bullying to your teachers.

Some ways to stay cyber-safe are:

- Never post or share your personal information online (this includes your full name, address, telephone number, school name, parents' names or Social Security number).
- Never share your passwords with anyone, except your parents.
- Never meet anyone face to face whom you only know online.

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I understand and will abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action may be initiated.

Student Signature

Student Name (Please Print)

Home Phone

Date

Home address

City/Zip Code:

_____ **Yes**, I give permission for my child to have Internet access.

_____ **No**, I do not give permission for my child to have Internet access.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

School

Teacher Use Only:

Student Number

This signed form must be returned to the school.

Coweta County School System Parent Consent/Media Form

Publicity Information Release

Name

Grade

The Coweta County School System *has my permission* *does not have my permission* to use my child's photograph, honor roll information, student achievement or interview in a positive fashion to publicize news or information concerning the Coweta County School System. This may be in the form of television, radio, print, internet, or other mass media formats.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Surveys

My child *has my permission* *does not have my permission* to participate in surveys or questionnaires that are designed to collect data for school or program evaluations or improvement. I understand that these surveys and questionnaires are anonymous.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Safe and Drug Free Schools Needs Assessment (Grades 6-12)

My child *has my permission* *does not have my permission* to participate in the *Safe and Drug Free Schools Needs Assessment Survey*. This annual survey is for eight grade students in the Coweta County School System and is totally confidential and anonymous. The responses pertain to student involvement in alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and violent situations. The data collected will be used to identify critical areas of need for our Safe and Drug Free Schools efforts.

Parent or Legal Guardian initials

Please note: This signed release is good for the academic year in which it was signed. A new release must be signed indicating your choice each year your child is a student with the Coweta County School Syst.