

PALMETTO SCHOLARS ACADEMY
J - STUDENTS
Policy JAC Internet-terms and Conditions of Use

Introduction

All use of the Internet during school hours must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school district. Users must have a well-defined, documented reason for accessing the Internet. No "surfing" is allowed. "Surfing" is the term for unstructured searches, or just exploring to see what is out there. Students must have a topic, or subject, to be researched; and it must be directly related to a given assignment from one or more teachers. There should be adult supervision while any student is researching on the Internet.

Maintain Network Etiquette (sometimes called "Netiquette"):

Be polite. Do not send abusive or threatening messages to others.

Do not swear or use vulgarities or other inappropriate language.

Do not send credit card numbers, bank account numbers, social security numbers, personal addresses, or personal phone numbers across the Internet.

The Internet is not a secure or private means of communication; you never really know who else may be "listening in." People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to, or in support of, illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Do not disrupt network communications. Disruptions would include downloading large files, sending mass e-mail messages, transmitting virus routines, or annoying other users.

All information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property of the person presenting the material.

Acceptable Use: The purpose of NSFNET (National Science Foundation NETwork), which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions of the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Privileges: The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of the privilege. (Before students log on to the Internet, they will be part of a discussion with a PSA teacher pertaining to the proper use of the network.) Any misuse of the Internet will result in disciplinary action by the Principal and Governance Board.

Security: Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a user feels he can identify a security problem on the Internet, he must notify the Principal or a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log on to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

Denying Access: If a parent or guardian is uncomfortable with the option of his or her child(ren) accessing the Internet, the student(s) may be assigned to a different activity when classmates are using the Internet. That decision may be indicated in the parent signature part of the Student Technology Use Agreement: the student(s) will then be assigned an alternate activity.

Disclaimer: Palmetto Scholars Academy makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. PSA will not be responsible for any damages suffered while using the Internet. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-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. PSA specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

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I have read and understand the rules and requirements for accessing information on the Internet.

I agree to abide by the rules and I further understand that any violation of the rules is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the year. School disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____