



Parent Notice regarding Student Computer and Internet Access, Cyber-bullying Prevention and Awareness, Appropriate Behavior on Social Media sites and District E-mail Accounts

Access to the school district computer system and to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and other resources while exchanging ideas with people around the world. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of students to be citizens and future workers. It is an important part of a student's education to learn skills needed to be responsible users of Internet and internet tools including social media locations. The District will partner with parents to teach their students safe guidelines for Internet use, social media sites and awareness and prevention of cyberbullying. As part of that partnership, Minneapolis Public Schools wants parents to know:

- Students will be given access to District Computers and electronic devices appropriate to their age and preparation for computer and internet use.
- Students will be given access through an individual account. There is no expectation that this account is a private one. The District continues to have ownership of all files created on its system.
- Students will be given an e-mail address to be used for school purposes. There is no expectation that this account is a private one. The District continues to have ownership of all messages created on its system, which it may view at any time.
- Access to the District Computer and Internet system is for educational purposes, such as participating in distance learning activities, doing research, asking questions of experts, communicating with other students and their teachers regarding school work, accessing information and resources for their career development needs.
- Parents should know that while the District limits access to sites considered not appropriate for school use the school environment is not the only access to electronic information available to students. Off-site access to and use of the internet and social media sites that negatively affects the school's academic environment may result in discipline for the student. Protections that put in place on District internet access do not travel with devices, so portable electronic devices used off district internet access are not protected from inappropriate sites. Parents and the school both need to be aware of student uses of these sites. The school will not condone the use of inappropriate materials and will not allow their use in the school environment. Students who use those materials are subject to discipline.
- The District provides its computer system on an "as is, as available" basis and does not guarantee the availability of electronic information or files created on the system at any particular time.
- Parents may request to review their student's electronic files or e-mail files. Access to these files will be provided as soon as is practicable.
- Parents may request to have their student's internet access account, or e-mail account terminated.
- Our school is allowed to create additional rules for computer and e-mail access. Any additional school rules are attached to this general notice.