



Union County Educational Services Commission Acceptable Use Policy

Student Agreement and Parent Permission: 2017 – 2018 School Year

After reading the Union County Educational Services Commission's Acceptable Use Policy, please complete this form to indicate that you agree with the terms and conditions outlined.

The signatures of both the student and parent/guardian are mandatory before access is granted.

As a user of the Union County Educational Services Commission's computer network, I have read and hereby agree to comply with the UCESC Acceptable Use Policy.

Student Name _____ **Date** _____
(Please print)

Student Signature _____

As a parent/legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services including, but not limited to electronic mail and Internet. I have read and agree to the Union County Educational Services Commission's Acceptable Use Policy, and I understand that I may be held responsible for violations by my child. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable. Union County Educational Services Commission has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the Commission to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ **Date** _____
(Please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

*N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-3 Federal Communications Commission: Children's Internet Protection Act.
Adopted: November 7, 2001*

To be completed by school's office staff:

Attending school: _____ Start date: _____

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POLICY 2361: ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORK/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES

The Board recognizes that as telecommunications and other new technologies shift the manner in which information is accessed, communicated and transferred that those changes will alter the nature of teaching and learning. Access to telecommunications will allow pupils to explore databases, libraries, Internet sites, bulletin boards and the like while exchanging information with individuals throughout the world. The Board supports access by pupils to information sources but reserves the right to limit in school use to materials appropriate to educational purposes. The Board directs the Superintendent to effect training of teaching staff members in skills appropriate to analyzing and evaluating such resources as to appropriateness for educational purposes.

The Board also recognizes that telecommunications will allow pupils access to information sources that have not been pre-screened by educators using Board approved standards. The Board therefore adopts the following standards of conduct for the use of computer networks and declares unethical, unacceptable or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, limiting or revoking network access privileges and/or instituting legal action.

The Board provides access to computer network/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate pupil access to the computer network/computers at any time, for any reason. The Board retains the right to have district personnel monitor network activity, in any form necessary, to maintain the integrity of the network and ensure its proper use.

Standards for Use of Computer Networks

Any individual engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer network(s)/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities which violate federal, state, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the network. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
- B. Using the computer network(s)/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
- C. Using the computer network(s) in a manner that:
 - Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
 - Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;
 - Uses the computing resources of the Commission for commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud;
 - Steals data or other intellectual property;
 - Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another user;
 - Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
 - Invades privacy of others;
 - Posts anonymous messages;
 - Possesses any data which is a violation of this policy; and/or
 - Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer network/computers are provided.

Internet Safety/Protection

The school district is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and has installed technology protection measures for all computers in the school district, including computers in media centers/libraries, that block and/or filter visual depictions that are obscene as defined in section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; child pornography, as defined in section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; are harmful to minors including any pictures, images, graphic image file or other visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or depicts, describes, or represents in a patently offensive way, with respect to what is suitable for minors, sexual acts or conduct; or taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

The school district will certify on an annual basis, that the schools, including media centers/libraries, in the district are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and the school district enforces the requirements of this policy.

This Policy also establishes Internet safety policy and procedures in the district as required in the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act. Policy 2361 addresses access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web; the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications; unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online; unauthorized disclosures, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.

Notwithstanding blocking and/or filtering the visual depictions prohibited in the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Board shall determine other Internet material that is inappropriate for minors. The Board will provide reasonable public notice and will hold one annual public hearing during a regular monthly board meeting or during a designated special board meeting to address and receive public community input on the Internet safety policy - Policy and Regulation 2361.

Consent Requirement

No pupil shall be allowed to use the computer network and the Internet unless they shall have filed with Technology Coordinator a consent form signed by the pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Violations

Individuals violating this policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation No. 2361 and other appropriate discipline that includes but are not limited to:

1. Use of the network only under direct supervision;
2. Suspension of network privileges;
3. Revocation of network privileges;
4. Suspension of computer privileges;
5. Revocation of computer privileges;
6. Suspension from school;
7. Expulsion from school; and/or
8. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.