



Parent Notice regarding Student Computer and Internet Access 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. The District will partner with parents to teach their students safe guidelines for Internet use. As part of that partnership, Minneapolis Public Schools wants parents to know:

- Students will be given access to District Computers appropriate to their age and preparation for computer 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 a district 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 system is for educational purposes, such as participating in distance learning activities, doing research, asking questions of experts, communicating with other student 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. 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.