

Internet Philosophy and Statement of Purpose

The Kearsarge Regional School District believes that students today must be comfortable in the use of technology including access to the Internet for information to further their education and help them prepare for the challenges of the 21st century. This philosophy is consistent with the KRSD mission statement.

The purpose of bringing the Internet to Kearsarge Regional School District is to provide fluid global communications for research in education. This access offers a forum for exchange of information and ideas, an audience for student writing, and a natural environment for collaborative work.

User Agreement

This document is to inform you of the rules and procedures for using the Internet at Kearsarge RSD. Read the following carefully before signing where indicated. This contract must be signed before you will be given an access account. The use of the Kearsarge network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation and/or suspension of that privilege. Free and equal access will be provided within the confines of the school building for all staff and students.

I. GENERAL POLICY AND RULES**A. Access and Use**

1. Use of the Kearsarge Network is reserved for students and staff in Kearsarge Regional Schools for research and educational purposes. All use of the Internet in Kearsarge Regional School District shall be consistent with the philosophy and purpose of the network:
 - a. E-mail shall only be used by students with a signed contract, directly supervised by a teacher, using only a school account, for educational purposes. Web based e-mail accounts for personal uses are not allowed on school systems.
 - b. Students are not allowed to go to chat rooms while on the Internet.

It is imperative that users conduct themselves in responsible, ethical, and polite manner while using the network.

2. It is the responsibility of the individual to be trained in the operation and functions of the system before gaining access for full use.

- a. Only legal activities are allowed. Legal activities do not include tampering with computer hardware or software, unauthorized entry into computers or vandalism or destruction of computer files. Also prohibited are transmissions of threatening, obscene, or harassing materials and the placing of unlawful information on a system.
- b. Accessing or processing pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network is strictly forbidden.
3. Do not use the network in a way that disrupts the use of the network by others. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance or any other computer system or network on the Internet is considered criminal activity under federal law. Avoid computer viruses.

B. Protect Privacy and Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Students are not to reveal identifying information (such as visited places, daily routines, etc.), their name, their personal address, home phone number, address, or phone numbers of any other individuals. The following security items are applicable to everyone:

1. Students must notify their parent(s)/guardian(s) and system administrator immediately if any individual is trying to contact you for illicit or suspicious activities.
2. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet in Kearsarge Regional School District.

C. Copyrighted Material

Copyrighted material must not be placed on any system connected to Kearsarge Regional School District network without the copyright owner's permission under federal copyright 18w (PL 94-553). An author, composer, or programmer has the exclusive right to publish, record, exhibit, translate, or reproduce by any means (including electronic transmission) his/her work. Permission to download files or documents must be specified in the document, on the system, or must be obtained directly from the owner. Violation of the copyright law is a Federal offense and violation can result in a fine or imprisonment or both. Ignorance of the law is not an acceptable excuse in a court of law.

II. DISCLAIMERS

- A.** Pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (18 USC 2510 et seq), notice is hereby given that there are no facilities provided by this system for sending or receiving private or confidential electronic co-communications. System administrators have access to all mail and may monitor messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- B.** The Kearsarge Regional School District reserves the right to monitor and log use of workstations and network.
- C.** KRSD reserves the right to revoke a use account on the network.
- D.** Kearsarge Regional School District will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. Use of any information obtained is at your own risk. Any computer connected to a network should have anti-virus software installed. Kearsarge Regional School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- E.** Kearsarge Regional School District reserves the right to change its policies and rules at any time.

Internet Management Procedures

The use of Kearsarge Regional School District Internet is a PRIVILEGE, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of the privilege. The system administrator(s) will deem what is inappropriate use, and the decision is final. An administrator or teacher in a school may request the system administrator(s) to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user privileges.

The principal and a teacher will meet with the offending individual(s) to investigate and determine restitution and consequences for misuse of Internet privileges.

If it is determined that students have misused the Internet in accordance with School Board policy, they shall lose privileges according to the following:

Level I – Using the Internet for purposes other than education or research

Shall lose privileges for up to one month

Level II – Accessing or processing pornographic or inappropriate material/files

Shall lose privileges for up to a semester

Level III – Unlawful use such as vandalism, hacking, etc.

Shall face criminal charges and lose privileges for up to one year.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT

I have read and I understand the Internet Policy and Guidelines. I recognize that all use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of Kearsarge Regional School District. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense.

I will abide by the terms and conditions for use on the Internet in Kearsarge Regional School District. Should I commit any violation my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

If user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NETWORK RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions for Kearsarge Regional School District and understand that this access is designed for educational purposes, and the Kearsarge Regional School System has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the school system to restrict access to all controversial material, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the Internet.

I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained in this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____