

Paint Branch Elementary School
Computer, Network, and Internet Safety Guidelines
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The increasing availability of technology creates both opportunities and risks for students. Since the potential for harm from the misuse of technology (especially on the Internet) is significant, our school has established guidelines by which students can use Internet in a legal, safe, productive and ethical manner. To ensure everyone's safety, our students agree to the following:

- I will not use chat lines or instant messaging programs while using the school network.
- I will visit only sites that are related to my schoolwork. If I come across a site that makes me feel uncomfortable and/or is inappropriate, I will tell my teacher.
- I will respect all copyright laws by giving credit to the author.
- I will not intentionally destroy or alter another user's files.
- I will keep my password a secret.
- I will be respectful and use appropriate language when using the computer to communicate.
- I will not use e-mail or any site on the Internet to hurt or offend others in any way.
- I will take care of the equipment in the classroom and/or lab.
- I will not give out personal information such as an address or telephone number.
- I will practice netiquette behaviors (taught to me in school) when using and communicating with others on the computer.

Consequences for not following the guidelines:

- Restricted Internet access
- Loss of Internet access
- Disciplinary action by school administration as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

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Student Agreement

I have read and understand the school district policies relating to acceptable use of the Prince George's County Public Schools computer network and the Internet. I agree to abide by the guidelines. I further understand that any violation of the policies is unethical and may constitute a violation of law. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

School Name: Paint Branch Elementary School

Student's Full Name (Please Print)

Date

Student's Signature

Grade

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the policies relating to acceptable use of the Prince George's County Public schools computer network and the Internet. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes only. The District has taken steps to monitor Internet use, however, I recognize it is impossible for the school district to restrict access to all inappropriate materials and I will not hold the school district or its employees or agents responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for network and Internet access to my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. In addition, I am aware that I can access the official and full Prince George's County Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy (PGCPS AUP) at Prince George's County Public School's Website at http://www.pgcps.org/~suitland/document_files/Acceptable_Use-Policy.pdf for in depth information on the county's policy.

Parent or Guardian's Full Name (Please Print)

Student's Signature

Date