

STUDENT INTERNET POLICY AND GUIDELINES
**USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
IN INSTRUCTION**

Educational Purpose

The Network has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term “educational purpose” includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality personal research.

The Network has *not* been established as a public access service or a public forum. The East Valley Institute of Technology District No. 401, hereafter referred to as the District, has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the materials students will access or post through the System. Students are also expected to follow the rules set forth in the District Student Code of Conduct rules and the law in their use of *the Network*.

Students shall *not* use *the Network* for commercial purposes. This means they shall *not* offer, provide, or purchase products or services through *the Network*.

Students shall *not* use *the Network* for political lobbying. But, they may use the System to communicate with elected representatives and to express their opinion on political issues.

Student Internet Access

Secondary students may obtain an individual account with the approval of their parents/guardians and the School.

Students and their parents must sign an Account Agreement to be granted an individual account on *the Network*. This Agreement will be renewed on an annual basis. Parents/Guardians of secondary students may withdraw approval at any time.

Post-secondary students may obtain an individual account and must sign an Account Agreement to be granted an individual account on *the Network*. This Agreement will be renewed on an annual basis.

Unacceptable Uses

EVIT Media

- Users will *not* post any personal or class developed (web, video, photos, graphic design, etc.) on the Internet.
- Users will *not* post any media on the Internet that identifies EVIT, the EVIT logo or any other identifiable representations.
- Users will consult with the Program Instructor and/or Department Chairperson to receive prior permission to post media.

Personal Safety

- Users will *not* post personal contact information about themselves or other people. Personal contact information includes address, telephone, school address, work address, et cetera.
- Users will *not* use chat rooms or messaging communications, i.e., Instant Messaging, when it is not school related or authorized by the teachers.
- Users will *not* agree to meet with someone they have met on-line.
- Users will promptly disclose to their teacher or other school employee any message they receive that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

Illegal Activities

- Users will *not* attempt to gain unauthorized access to *the Network* or to any other computer system through *the Network*, or go beyond their authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or accessing another person's files, or engaging in "hacking". These actions are illegal, even if only for the purpose of "browsing".
- Users will *not* make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system performance or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
- Users will not use *the Network* to engage in any other illegal act, such as arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, threatening the safety of others, et cetera.

System Security

- Users are responsible for the use of their individual account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their account. Under *no* conditions should a user provide their password to another person.
- Users will immediately notify the Information Systems Department (*Support*) if they have identified a possible security problem. However, users will *not* go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access.
- Users will avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following the standard virus protection procedures established in Policy IJNDB.
- Users will *not* download software into District computers without expressed permission from the Information Systems Director.

Inappropriate Language

- Restrictions against Inappropriate Language apply to public messages, private messages, and materials posted on Web Pages.
- Users will *not* use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.

- Users will *not* post information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or a danger of disruption.
- Users will *not* engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- Users will *not* harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If a user is told by a person to stop sending them messages, they must stop.
- Users will *not* knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Respect for Privacy

- Users will *not* re-post a message that was sent to them privately without permission of the person who sent them the message.
- Users will *not* post private information about another person.

Respecting Resources Limits

- Users will use the System only for educational and professional or career development activities (no time limit), and limited, high-quality program related personal research.
- Users will *not* download large files unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, users will download the file at a time when the System is not being heavily used. The file will be removed from the System at the earliest opportunity.
- Users will *not* post chain letters or engage in “spamming”. Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

- Users will *not* plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the user.
- Users will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when an individual inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies acceptable use that work, the users shall follow the expressed requirements. If the users are unsure whether or not they can use a work, they shall request permission from the copyright owner. If there are questions, ask a teacher.

Inappropriate Access to Material

- Users will *not* use the District System to access material that is profane or obscene (pornography) that advocates illegal or dangerous acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature).
- If users inadvertently access such information as described in Policy IJNDB, then they shall immediately disclose the inadvertent access following District procedures established in that policy. This will protect users against allegations that the policy has been intentionally violated.
- Parents of students using *the Network* should instruct users if there are additional materials that they think would be inappropriate for their access. The District fully expects that students will follow their parents' instructions in this matter.

Student Rights

Free Speech

- Users' rights to free speech, as set forth in the District student conduct regulations, apply also to their communication on the Internet. The Network is considered a limited forum, and therefore, the District may restrict the users' speech for valid educational reasons. The District will not restrict the users' speech on the basis of a disagreement with the opinions being expressed.

Search and Seizure

- Users should expect only limited privacy in the contents of their personal files on the District System and records of their on line activity.
- Routine maintenance and monitoring of *the Network* may lead to discovery that a user may have violated Policy IJNDB, the District student disciplinary code, or the law.
- An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a user may have violated Policy IJNDB, the District student conduct regulations, or the law. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

Due Process

- The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to any illegal activities conducted through the District System.
- In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated the District's Policy IJNDB and its accompanying regulation, the student will be provided with a notice and opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in the student disciplinary code.
- Disciplinary actions will be tailored to meet specific concerns related to the violation and to assist the student in gaining the self-discipline necessary to behave appropriately on an electronic network. If the alleged violation also involves a violation of other provisions

of the student disciplinary code, the violation will be handled in accordance with the applicable provision of the code. Additional restrictions may be placed on the use of the student's Internet account.

Limitation of Liability

The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District System will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the System. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the System. *Parents can be held financially responsible for any harm to the System as a result of intentional misuse.*