

601.11 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The power of electronic networks and resources is transforming the educational culture from one of isolation to one of connectivity. The Internet links computer networks around the world. While the Internet is a decentralized network, the one characteristic shared by all network sites is the use of common communication protocol to transmit data. The Muscatine Community School District has installed their own network becoming one of the network sites on the information Super Highway. As students/staff use this network it is essential for each user on the network to recognize his/her responsibility in having access to the vast services, sites, and people. The user is ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing network service.

In the environment of a global network, it is impossible to control all materials. The Muscatine Community School District believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

The use of the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked by the school administration at any time for abusive conduct. Such conduct would include but is not limited to, the altering of system software, vandalism, the placing of unlawful information, computer viruses, or harmful programs on or through the computer system in either public or private files or messages. The Muscatine Community School District staff reserves the right to remove files, limit or deny access and refer for other disciplinary action as stated in the Student Handbook under "Computer Access and Use by Student" and as outlined through the formal orientation process.

The Muscatine Community School District reserves all rights to any material stored in files on a district-owned computer and will remove any material which the administration, Director of Technology and/or other members of the technology department believe may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. Appeals to this process may be made to the Muscatine Community School District's Reconsideration Committee. Users will not use the Internet to obtain, view, download or otherwise gain access to such materials.

Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity, or for commercial or "for-profit" purposes, to produce advertisement or political lobbying are prohibited.

Copyrighted material must not be placed on the network without the author's permission.

The Muscatine Community School District offers Internet computer accounts for the purpose of (in order of priority): academic support, communications, general information

Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose.

Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network.

The Muscatine Community School District does not warrant that the functions of the system will meet any specific requirements you may have, or that it will be error-free or uninterrupted; nor shall it be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or profits) sustained on incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.

In consideration for the privilege of using the Muscatine Community School District internet computer accounts contained on it, the user hereby releases Muscatine Community School District, its operators and administrators from any and all claims of any nature arising from any use, or inability to use an internet account. The user also agrees to abide by such rules and regulations of system usage as may be further added from time to time by the network administrators of the system. These rules will be posted for public perusal.

The user will avoid offensive or inflammatory speech and be courteous and polite.

The Director of Technology serves as the district's System Administrator for the Muscatine Community School District. The Technology Committee meeting will be called by the Technology Supervisor or Director of Educational Services whenever questions arise that do not fall into normal policy and procedure. Policy changes will be approved by the committee. The Muscatine Community School District's Reconsideration Committee will be the appeals committee for all administrative decisions.

Policies of system usage will be reviewed annually as needed.