

Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

A fully executed Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement must be on file at the school/district site prior to accessing the Internet.

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District supports and respects each family's right to decide to apply for Network/Internet access. To be given access, students and their parents and/or guardians must sign this agreement.

STUDENT INTERNET/ NETWORK USERS

I understand and agree to abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract as well as with any and all district rules and regulations which may relate to usage of district computers and equipment, including use of the Internet. I also understand that my use of the Internet and electronic communications through district computers and equipment is strictly limited to educational purposes, that I am not guaranteed any rights to privacy with respect to electronic communications or Internet records, and that from time to time district administration may review such electronic communications or Internet records for general security purposes and in order to ensure my compliance with this agreement.

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF STUDENT USER

The district makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the district Internet connection will be error-free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data, interruptions of service, or exposure to inappropriate material or people. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. Users or parents of users will indemnify and hold the district harmless from any losses sustained as the result of misuse of the system by user.

I hereby give my child permission to use the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District local area networks and Internet gateway, and I agree on my own behalf and on behalf of my child to all terms and conditions set forth in this document.

PYLUSD recognizes that local and wide area network services offer a wide variety of opportunities to further educational goals and objectives and therefore provides network access to its staff and students. Access to this vast resource of information is an educational opportunity requiring responsible use by each individual. As such, every Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) user should act in an ethical and legal manner consistent with district goals and objectives and should conform to educationally appropriate use and network etiquette that includes being polite, using appropriate language, and respecting the privacy of others.

Users of PYLUSD network services should remember that the level of confidentiality on district-owned computers may not be the same as that expected when using their own equipment or Internet services. Electronic communications*, files and other Internet records may be examined for educational and administrative purposes and to verify that acceptable-use guidelines are being followed. (*For purposes of this document, electronic communications include but are not limited to e-mail, chat and instant messaging.)

PYLUSD has taken reasonable steps to ensure that network use is primarily for activities that support district goals and objectives. The district has selected WebSense as its Technology Protection Measure and has specified the manner in which it will be configured. It is possible for all users of the Internet to access information that is intended for adults. Computer security cannot be made perfect and it is likely that a determined user can make use of computer resources for inappropriate purposes. PYLUSD believes that the benefits of Internet access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration far exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. Use of the district network or the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct. Internet and network use is strictly limited to educational purposes.

RESPONSIBILITY

As a user of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District network and Internet connection, I agree to:

- Use network resources including the Internet only when a staff member is present.

- Report any known misuse of the network to the responsible person.
- Use my network access in an acceptable manner, follow all district rules and regulations regarding network use, including being polite, using appropriate language and respecting others' privacy.
- Use electronic resources and communications for educational purposes only.
- Use on-line time and other network resources efficiently.
- Assist in keeping the PYLUSD network free from virus attack by refraining from opening attachments from unknown sources and being alert to virus warnings.

INAPPROPRIATE ON-LINE CONDUCT includes, but is not limited to:

- Using the network for illegal activities, including unauthorized installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyrighted software or materials in violation of copyright laws.
- Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs. California Penal Code Section 313(a)
- Using the network for private business or commercial enterprise.
- Using the network for political activities.
- Unauthorized use of another individual's name or password.
- Allowing another user access to your account.
- Distributing of chain letters.
- Sharing electronic account passwords, leaving passwords available in obvious locations, or leaving "signed on" computers unattended.
- Disclosing, using or dissemination of personal identification information about oneself or others when using electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals located through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians. Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.
- Reading other users' electronic mail or files.
- Attempting to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail, or deleting, copying, modifying or forging other users' mail.
- Sending or exchanging messages that are inconsistent with school or district policies.
- Distributing electronic media in a manner that is likely to cause network congestion or significantly hamper the ability of other people to access and use the system (e.g., downloading huge files during prime time; sending mass electronic messages; downloading of video and audio files not directly related to district goals, excessive chat or instant message use for non-educational purposes).
- Intentionally uploading, downloading or creating computer viruses
- Attempting to vandalize, harm, tamper with or destroy district equipment, data, or materials.
- Manipulating the data of any other user.
- Unauthorized access to servers, computer systems or network equipment.
- Using electronic resources and communication for other than educational purposes.

Students who violate the *Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement*, misuse electronic resources, or violate state or federal laws may be subject to disciplinary action, loss of access privileges and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy. (cf. 5144 - Discipline) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process) (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)). We support the parent's or guardian's right to authorize or decline Internet access for their student.