

Computer Use And User Agreement for Students

The Internet is an international association of computer networks. Governments, schools, universities, and industry are some of the diverse contributors to the Internet. Access to the Internet and Email will permit our students a number of educational and research opportunities they would not otherwise have. Unfortunately, the Internet also contains content that many consider offensive. It is the belief of the Mount Carmel Area School District that the benefits outweigh negatives. It is also the belief of Mount Carmel Area School District that the District should teach responsible use of the Internet as a necessary skill for the student to prepare for his or her future. The District will do all it can to keep students from accessing inappropriate material.

The Mount Carmel Area School District issues computer accounts to all students for computer and technology resources. The District will also provide Internet & Email access to its students. However, there are limitations on how these resources may be used.

With this in mind, the Mount Carmel Area School District wishes to make user that all users understand the following:

The following will apply to student use of District Technology resources including (but is not limited to): Internet & Email.

- Students should have no expectation of privacy of his/her communications, messages, or files accessed on or through District provided computer resources. Network administrators can and will monitor all aspects of the system and if misuse of the computer resources is found disciplinary action will be taken.
- All data contained within District systems is the property of the District.
- Students should be aware of any policy changes or updates. Students can check the account information section on the Mount Carmel Area Web Page (<http://www.mca.k12.pa.us>) for additional or updated information.
- Students are responsible for understanding security guidelines and maintaining the security of the systems they are using. Therefore, each student is responsible for activity conducted under his or her username and password. Each student must use only his or her assigned username and password when using District resources. Under no circumstances should a student ever tell or give out his or her password or allow anyone else to use his or her account.
- Any attempt to circumvent system security, guess passwords, or in any way gain unauthorized access to any computer network or the Internet is forbidden. Students are to report any observed violations of or attempts to violate District security to a computer lab operator.
- Students using District computer systems may not move, repair, reconfigure, modify, or attach any external devices to the system or to an individual computer.
- First priority for computer use will be for class assignments. Second priority will be for students who have an educational need. Recreational use will be limited. The Mount Carmel Area School District may impose time restrictions on use of the Internet and Email to assure equity of use.
- Network administrators will filter content and may impose time restrictions on the use of Internet and Email.
- Students will use the Internet and Email under staff supervision. Those supervising have the authority to order a student to stop use at any time.
- Chat lines are prohibited.
- Students are to use Email for school related activities. Students are not to attempt to forge or falsify an Email in any way. Students are not to send Email attachments or chain letters.
- Students are to print only with permission and should be selective when printing. Students are to print one copy and have additional copies made on the photocopiers.
- Use of the Internet or Email through the Mount Carmel Area School District network for commercial or financial gain is forbidden.
- No student shall make rude or hostile reference to race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religious, or political beliefs, national origin, health, or disability. Abusive or profane language is prohibited.
- Copyrighted or licensed information shall be used only with full legal right to do so.
- The District will review alleged violations of policy and procedures on a case-by-case basis. Violations of the policy will result in referral for disciplinary action as appropriate.
- Any unlawful or unauthorized access or use of any District resource may subject offenders to criminal prosecution under federal law or Pennsylvania state law.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the requirements set forth above for the types of access I have to District provided computer resources. I understand that any violation of this agreement may result in loss of computer access, disciplinary action or prosecution under federal and state laws.

Student Name – Use a Separate Form for
Each Student
(Please Print)

Student Signature

Date

_____ I want my student to have Internet & Email Access.

_____ I **do not** want my student to have Internet & Email Access.

Parent or Guardian

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date