

Orange-Ulster BOCES

Student Acceptable Use Guidelines for Computers

Introduction

The Orange-Ulster BOCES has established a computer network and is pleased to offer Internet access for student use. This will allow students access to a variety of Internet resources. In order for students to use the Internet, students and their parents or guardians must first read and understand the following acceptable use guidelines.

Acceptable Uses

1. The computer network in the Orange-Ulster BOCES has been set up in order to allow Internet access for educational purposes. This includes classroom activities, research activities, and the exchange of project-related ideas with other classes. This may include participation in the JASON Project, National Geographic Kids Network or other established programs.
2. Students will have access to the Internet via school computers.
3. Student use of the Internet is contingent upon parent/guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this Acceptable Use Policy. Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time.
4. Material created and/or stored on the system is not private. School administrators and appropriate staff may review the system from time to time to ensure that the system is being used properly. For this reason, students should expect that any work created and/or stored on the network may be viewed by a third party.
5. Assigned passwords should be kept private. Accounts and/or passwords may not be shared.
6. Computer users are expected to adhere to the safety guidelines listed below.

Safety Guidelines for Students

1. Never give out your last name, address, or phone number, and never post your photograph.
2. Never agree to meet in person with anyone you have met online unless you first have the approval of a parent or guardian.
3. Notify an adult immediately if you receive a message that may be inappropriate or if you encounter any material that violates this Acceptable Use Policy.

Unacceptable Uses

1. The network may not be used to download, copy, or store any software, shareware, or freeware without prior permission from BOCES staff. The students are not permitted to disable any security or Anti-Virus software.
2. The network may not be used for "commercial" purposes.
3. Use of the network for "advertising" or political lobbying is prohibited.
4. The network may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates the United States or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to, illegal activities such as threatening the safety of another person or violating copyright laws.
5. Computer users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Users may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person.
6. Computer users may not log on to someone else's account or attempt to access another user's files. "Hacking" or otherwise trying to gain access to another person's or organization's computer system is prohibited.
7. Computer users may not access Web sites, news groups, or any chat areas that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify BOCES staff.
8. Computer users may not engage in "spamming" (sending email to more than 10 people at the same time) or participate in chain letters.

Violation of Acceptable Use Guidelines

Students violating the above policy will be dealt with on an individual basis. Students may lose computer and/or network privileges or face legal action where federal or state laws are violated.

Please Sign and Return

Parent/Guardian Permission for Use of the Internet

I have read and understand the information contained in the "Acceptable Use Guidelines for Computers" about appropriate use of the Internet at the Orange-Ulster BOCES. I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school. I give my child permission to access the Internet as outlined in the policy.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Program in Which Student is Registered _____

Permission for Publication of Student Work/Pictures

I give permission for my child's work to be published on the Internet as part of the school curriculum. I understand that the child will be identified by first name only.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

This form should be signed and returned to your child's teacher.