

INTERNET USE AND PARENT RESOURCES

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Union County Public Schools is increasing the use of technology in classrooms each year. Access to digital content is becoming an essential component in today's learning environment. In an effort to support students and parents, UCPS provides resources to educate students about online safety and ethical use of the Internet. We are dedicated to keeping students safe online as well as preventing cyber bullying and misuse of technology. UCPS is fully compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act and does not disclose student information to content providers without parental consent.

It is an important part of a student's education to learn skills needed to be responsible users of the Internet and Internet tools. The District will partner with parents to teach their students safe guidelines for Internet use. As part of that partnership, Union County Public Schools wants parents to know:

- All students are bound by the Union County Public Schools Acceptable Use Guidelines when using UCPS devices or the UCPS network. These guidelines are located on all school websites under the Technology tab. If you do not have access to the Internet, all information is available in print at your child's school.
- All UCPS Internet traffic is filtered for inappropriate content but always remember the best Internet filter for a child is a parent.
- Teachers who wish to have students access websites that require parental consent are responsible for notifying parents.
- Students will access the UCPS network through an individual account. There is no expectation that this account is a private one. Students should not share login credentials with other students.
- UCPS provides its computer system on an "as is, as available" basis and does not guarantee the availability of electronic information or files created on the system at any particular time.
- Parents may request to have their student's Internet access terminated by notifying the school in writing.

Regards,

Union County Public Schools
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