

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Murphy Adventist Christian School offers Internet access for student use. This document contains the Acceptable Use Policy for student use of the Internet.

Educational Purpose

Use of the Internet has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term “educational purpose” includes classroom activities, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities. The Internet access has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. Murphy Adventist Christian School has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system. You are also expected to follow the rules set forth in this Acceptable Use Policy.

You may not use the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection.

Student Internet Access

All students will have access to Internet World Wide Web information resources through their classroom account. However, the Internet may only be accessed with direct knowledge of the teacher and when an adult is present in the room.

Students will have e-mail access only under their teacher’s direct supervision using a classroom account.

The student and their parent must sign this Acceptable Use Agreement to be granted permission to use the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection. The parent or teacher can withdraw their approval at any time.

Appropriate Uses

The following uses of the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection are considered unacceptable:

Personal Safety

- a. You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people. Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, work address, etc.
- b. You will not agree to meet with someone you have met online without your parent’s approval. Your parent should accompany you to this meeting.
- c. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school employee any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Illegal Activities

- a. You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet account or to any other computer system through your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person’s account or access another person’s files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of “browsing”.
- b. You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.

System Security

- a. Under no conditions should you provide your password to another person.
- b. You will immediately notify a teacher or other school employee if you have identified a possible security problem.

Inappropriate Language

- a. Restrictions against Inappropriate Language apply to public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages. You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.
- b. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- c. You will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If you are told by a person to stop sending them messages, you must stop.
- d. You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Respect for Privacy

- a. You will not repost a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message.
- b. You will not post private information about another person.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

- a. You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.
- b. You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the expressed requirements. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, you should request permission from the copyright owner. Copyright law can be very confusing. If you have questions, ask a teacher.

Inappropriate Access to Material

- a. You will not use the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection to access material that is profane or obscene (pornography), that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature).
- b. If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell your teacher or another school employee. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this Policy).

- c. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material that they think it would be inappropriate for you to access. The school fully expects that you will follow your parent's instructions in this matter.

Privacy

You should expect only limited privacy in the contents of your personal files on the school's computers. Routine maintenance and monitoring of school's computers may lead to discovery that you have violated this Policy. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated this Policy or the law. Your teacher or parents have the right at any time to request to see the contents of your e-mail or other computer files.

Personal Responsibility

When you are using the Murphy Adventist Christian School Internet connection, it may feel like you can more easily break a rule and not get caught. This is not really true because whenever you do something on a network you leave little "electronic footprints," so the odds of getting caught are really about the same as they are in the real world.

But the fact that you can do something or think you can do something without being caught does not make it right to do so. Even if you don't get caught, there is always at least one person who will know whether you have done wrong – and that person is you. Your use of the Internet can be a mirror that will show you what kind of a person you are.

Signatures of compliance to this Acceptable Use Policy

Your signature below affirms your understanding and acceptance of the Murphy Adventist Christian School's Acceptable Use Policy. It also means that you will abide by the standards of use as set forth in this policy. Any violation of the agreements set forth will result in immediate termination of school Internet access and may activate other discipline procedures as noted in the school handbook or other policies of the Murphy Adventist Christian School.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date