

MCLOUTH USD 342 INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

This Internet Safety Policy is designed to help the user understand McLouth USD 342's expectations for safe use of the Internet and in association with McLouth USD 342 Acceptable Use Policy to help use those resources wisely. In order for McLouth USD 342 to be able to make its technology systems and Internet access available, all users must take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this access. While McLouth USD 342 will make reasonable efforts to supervise the use of network and Internet access, users must cooperate by exercising and promoting responsible use of this access.

Access is a privilege, not a right, and access entails responsibility. All users have a responsibility to use McLouth USD 342's technology systems and the Internet in a professional, lawful, and ethical manner. Violation of this policy shall result in due process disciplinary action, including possible termination of information technology privileges, termination of current role/position/status, civil, and criminal liability. Using McLouth USD 342 information technology systems to access, create, view, transmit, or receive racist, sexist, threatening, or otherwise objectionable or illegal material is strictly prohibited. Any parent or guardian of a student may direct that the student not be given access to the Internet.

I. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- A. You agree to appropriately report any misuse of McLouth USD 342 technology systems. Misuse means violations of McLouth USD 342 policy or other use that is not included in McLouth USD 342 policy, but has the effect of harming another or his or her property.
- B. McLouth USD 342 is providing privileged access to its technology systems and the Internet for educational purposes. Users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway.
- C. If you have any doubt about whether a contemplated activity is appropriate, you may consult with your supervising administrator/teacher/staff to help you decide if a use is appropriate. All users and their parents/guardians are advised that access to the Internet may include the potential for access to materials inappropriate for school-aged pupils. Every user must take responsibility for his or her use of McLouth USD 342 technology systems and Internet and stay away from these sites.
- D. Be safe. In using the computer network and Internet, do not reveal personal information about yourself, minors, or any other person. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, your home address, telephone, school address, work address, etc. Do not use information which might allow a person to locate you without first obtaining the permission of a supervising teacher. Do not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you "meet" on the Internet. Regardless of your age, you should never agree to meet a person you have only communicated with on the Internet in a secluded place or in a private setting.

II. NETIQUETTE

- A. Be polite. Use appropriate language. For example no swearing, vulgarities, suggestive, obscene, belligerent, bullying, or threatening language.
- B. Avoid language and uses which may be offensive to other users. For example don't use access to make, distribute, or redistribute jokes, stories, or other material which is based upon slurs or stereotypes relating to race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation.
- C. All users must take special care to maintain the clarity, consistency, and integrity of McLouth USD 342 mission and goals when using the Internet. Internet usage must be able to survive public scrutiny and disclosure.