

Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools

Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

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Each student in the Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools is provided with a network home share account for document and media storage and access to the internet.

The Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education (“the district”) believes that the members of its educational community should be able to utilize learning resources to maximize achievement. Providing students with easy access to state-of-the-art computer technology and opportunities for instruction will foster problem solving and critical thinking skills. The district believes that all students must develop expertise in using and applying current and emerging technologies to support lifelong learning. Educational technologies such as hardware, software, network communication, and information resources have potential to enhance the curriculum and provide opportunities for individual learners. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the goals and objectives of the Caldwell-West Caldwell School District.

Disclosure

Students should have no expectation of privacy with regard to their files on district provided computers or the computer network. All data stored or transmitted or accessed by users, including e-mail, may be monitored.

Users and/or their parents or guardians may be personally charged for any unauthorized costs incurred in their use of technology and held responsible for any damages caused by their intentional misuse of the data or voice network.

We understand that the use of live, online technology may raise concerns regarding a student’s right to privacy. To deliver instruction during periods of remote learning, teachers are using technology to provide live online lessons/support for students and may record such sessions to support asynchronous learning. As such, your child may participate in live online lessons that may be recorded with their image captured electronically during these enriching lessons as part of the delivery method or for later review."

Technology Access

Technology hardware, software, peripherals, and services are provided exclusively for educational purposes.

The district supports access to informational sources but reserves the right to limit in school use to appropriate materials via electronic filtering and adult supervision. The district retains the right to have district personnel monitor network activity to maintain the integrity of the network and ensure its proper use. Because the internet is a fluid environment, information available is constantly changing. Availability of information through the filter software does not mean endorsement of material by the district for educational purposes.

Users are prohibited from engaging in the following conduct and shall be subject to discipline and/or legal action for such conduct:

- Using the computer system for illegal activities
- Using the computer system in any way that violates district policy
- Using the computer system to send, receive, or view obscene materials
- Using the computer system to send or display harassing, demeaning, threatening, or offensive speech or materials
- Using the computer system to violate intellectual property rights including plagiarism
- Using the computer system to hack, disrupt, or waste storage and bandwidth resources on the computer network.
- Violating copyright laws that adhere to PL 96-517, Section 7(b). Illegal copies of copyrighted material or software shall not be installed or used on district equipment. The legal and insurance protection of the district shall not be extended to students who knowingly violate copyright laws.
- Using other's accounts or giving access to your account.
- Trespassing on other's folders, work, or files.
- Employing the computers or network for personal commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud
- Posting or sending anonymous messages
- Gaining access to unauthorized areas
- Theft or vandalism of hardware, software, or network equipment. Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, network equipment, or the introduction or creation of virus, hacker programs, phishing programs, or other malicious-type entities.

Violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline which could include (but is not limited to) use of network only under direct supervision, suspension of network privileges, revocation of network privileges, detention and/or suspension from school for students, and legal action and prosecution by law enforcement.

Users are required to report any security problems to teachers, the building administration and/or network manager.

I understand and will abide by the Network/Internet Acceptable Use agreement for the Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is improper. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and disciplinary action may be taken.

Your electronic signature here indicates that you have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their legally-binding significance.