
**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR USING THE PENNSVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT NETWORK**

It is the goal of the Pennsville School District Network (PSDnet) to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, information access, and communications. Access to and educational use of the information available from the Internet and other on-line communications sources are consistent with the goals and objectives of the District.

The Board firmly believes that the information available through access to such sources as the Internet is of value and far outweighs the potential for our students to be exposed to controversial material. It is the student's responsibility to access information specifically related to curriculum goals and objectives and to use that information appropriately. This information includes electronic mail, information and news from many sources, public domain software, the World Wide Web and discussion groups.

District educators will provide guidance and instruction to the students in the appropriate use of such resources. The Board expects that students will use appropriate and responsible behavior on the school network and in the accessing of electronic information as independent researchers. Student conduct while using the PSDnet shall be in accordance with the Board's Code of Student Conduct, as set forth in Board Policy 5131 and Regulation 5131R.

The smooth operation of the PSDnet depends upon responsible use of the network and requires the adherence to ethical and legal use of this resource. Access to the PSDnet is a privilege, not a right; therefore, students will only be permitted to use these resources upon the submission of an agreement form signed by the student and by the student's parent/guardian if the student is a minor. This signed Acceptable Use Policy form will be kept on file as a legally binding document. Failure to comply with the agreement for acceptable use may result in the student's loss of access to the PSDnet as well as other disciplinary and legal actions.

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-1 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25
N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35

Computer System
Computer Related Theft
Annual report of local school district;
contents; annual report of commissioner;
report on improvement of basic skills
School Internet websites; disclosure of
certain student information prohibited

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File Code: 5131.3

N.J.A.C. 6A:10A-1.1 *et seq* Improving Standards-Driven Instruction and
Literacy and Increasing Efficiency in Abbott
School Districts

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:10A, Appendix A

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 *et seq.* Evaluation of the Performance of School
Districts

17 U.S.C. 101

United States Copyright Law

47 U.S.C. 254(h)

Children's Internet Protection Act

N.J. v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985)

O'Connor v. Ortega, 480 U.S. 709 (1987)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 *et seq.*

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

Possible

Cross References:

1111	District publications
3514	Equipment
3543	Office services
3570	District records and reports
4119.22	Conduct and Dress
4161	Pennsville School District E-mail Policy
4219.22	Conduct and Dress
5114	Suspension and expulsion
5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
5131	Code of Conduct
5131.3	Acceptable Use For Using Pennsville School District Network
5131.5	Vandalism/violence
5142	Pupil safety
6144	Controversial issues
6145.3	Publications
6161	Equipment, books and materials

PENNSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PENNSVILLE, NJ 08070

ELEMENTARY GRADE
PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE
USE OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ACCESS

I, _____, as the parent or guardian of _____ have read the attached Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that access to electronic information, which includes the Internet, is designed for educational purposes. Policies and procedures which require classroom teachers and library/media specialists to monitor and restrict access to inappropriate material are in place, but the Pennsville School District cannot guarantee that students will not gain access to educationally-inappropriate material. Therefore, I will not hold the Pennsville School District responsible for an inappropriate material acquired from this network. In addition, I understand that the Pennsville School District does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of information obtained through access to remote sites.

The use of on-line information retrieval and sharing is a privilege not a right. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of this privilege and/or disciplinary action.

Please check one of the following statements:

_____ I give my son/daughter permission to use **all** PSDnet functions including the use of the network and access to remote sites including with Internet.

_____ I give my son/daughter permission to use the school's network for print and file sharing, but do not wish for him/her to access to remote sites including with Internet.

Please sign below and return to your child's school:

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

(Student Signature)

(Date)