

Vineland Public Charter School

Internet and Publicity

Student Use Information

The Vineland Public Charter School has actively pursued making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to our students and staff. We are happy to announce that we offer Internet services through a service provider and are part of the information superhighway. We believe this technology will help propel our school into the information sources from distant computer communication and shared information with students and individuals or groups of other students and staff, and significantly expand their knowledge base. The Internet is a tool for lifelong learning and only begins to open doors to many advanced tools.

Proper and Ethical Use

With this learning tool, students and staff must understand and practice proper and ethical use. All students and staff must understand the procedures, ethics, and security involving using the Internet before receiving authorization to use the system.

Conditions and Rules for Use

Acceptable Use

- The purpose of the Internet is to facilitate communications in support of research and education, by providing access to unique resources and opportunity for collaborative work. To remain eligible as a user, the use must be in support of and consistent with the education objectives of the School. Access to the Internet is made possible through an appropriate provider designated by the Vineland Public Charter School at its sole discretion. All users of the Internet must comply with existing rules and acceptable use policies, which incorporated into this document and are available from the School.
- Transmission of any material in violation of State or Federal regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene (racist or sexist) material, or material protected by trade secret.
- Use of commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for advertisement and political lobbying is also prohibited.

Privilege

- **THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND THE NETWORK COMPUTER SYSTEM IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.** Inappropriate use including any violation of these conditions and rules may result in cancellation of the privilege. The Vineland Public Charter School, under this agreement is delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, evoke, suspend, or close any user account at any time.

Monitoring

- The Vineland Public Charter School reserves the right to review any material and to monitor file space and individual computer stations in order to make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are inappropriate. The Board of Trustees shall make every effort to respect the privacy of the user. However, if strict security and/or confidentiality is of concern, it is recommended that you not utilize the Internet connections provided by the Vineland Public Charter School.

Network Etiquette

- All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Be polite. Sending abusive messages to others is not permitted.
 - Use appropriate language. Do not engage in activities, which are prohibited under state or federal law.
 - Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private.
 - Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of fellow students or colleagues.

No Warranties

- The Vineland Public Charter School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for service it is providing. It will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, no deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the Vineland Public Charter School's negligence or by the user's errors or emissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The Board of Trustees specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information they obtain.

Security

- Users must never allow others to use their password if one is assigned. Users should also protect their password to ensure system security and their own privilege and ability to maintain continued use of the system.
- If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator (Principal).
- Attempts to log on to the Internet as the system administrator may result in cancellation of user privileges.
- Any user identified has a security risk for having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet and/or the computer network.

Vandalism and Harassment

- Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation of user privileges.
- Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify or destroy data of another user, computer software, the Internet, or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes but is not limited to the uploading or creating of computer viruses.
- Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference of another user's work. Harassment includes, but is not limited to sending unwanted mail.

Procedures for Use

- Student users must always get permission from their teacher and the system administrator (Principal) before using the network or accessing any specific file or application.
- All users have the same right to use the equipment. Users shall not play games or use computer resources for other non-academic activities when other users require the system for academic purposes. In addition, users shall not waste or take supplies, such as paper, printer cartridges, diskettes, and CD ROMS.

Encounter of Controversial Material

- Users may encounter material that is controversial and which users, parents, teachers, or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. However, on a global network it is impossible to control effectively the content of data. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material. Any decision by the Vineland Public Charter School to restrict access to Internet material shall not be deemed to impose any duty on the Vineland Public Charter School to regulate the content of material on the Internet.

Website – Newspaper- Television

At Vineland Public Charter School, we like to share good news about the children of our charter school. Newspaper and television reporters may be invited to record special events. Pictures, honor roll, and perfect attendance lists are submitted with pride for publication. On the Vineland Public Charter School website, we would like to publish photos to display the work and accomplishments of our students. No student's last name will be put on the Internet.

The Vineland Public Charter School shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions with respect to the publication of the information. The Vineland Public Charter School bears no responsibility, nor liability, for any illegal and/or improper activities of third parties, which results from such publications.

PLEASE CUT AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO VINELAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL:



INTERNET PERMISSION

PLEASE READ ALL CONDITIONS, RULES, BEHAVIOR, ACCEPTABLE USE, AND PUBLICITY INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING AGREEMENT AND PERMISSION FORM.

Any user violating these rules, applicable to state and federal laws or posted Multi-Sensory Learning Labs and district rules are subject to loss of network privileges and any other district disciplinary actions.

In addition, pursuant to State of New Jersey law, any unauthorized access, attempted access, or use of any state computing and/or network system is a violation of the New Jersey Penal Code and/or other applicable federal laws, and is subject to criminal prosecution.

USER:

I understand and will abide by the above conditions, rules, and acceptable use agreement. I further understand that any violation of the above conditions, rules, and acceptable use agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

TODAY'S DATE: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

USER'S NAME: _____

USER'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____