

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Internet access is now available to students and educators in the Claiborne County School System. We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual users. Students and educators have access to such things as:

1. Electronic mail (e-mail) communication with people all over the world;
2. Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
3. Public domain software and graphics of all types for school use;
4. Discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics;
5. Access to many University Library catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ERIC, a large collection of relevant information to educators and students; and
6. Graphical access to the World Wide Web, perhaps the most exciting access tool on the Internet.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Even though the Tennessee State Department of Education, through ENA, has placed a content filtering device on our Internet service, some unsuitable material may still be accessible. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any information sent/received that indicates or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal solicitations, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, harassing or insulting attacks, violation of copyright laws, and any other unacceptable information. Misuse also includes damaging computers, computer systems, software or computer networks; using another's ID/password; improper use of data folders or work files; and interference and interruption of the systems and networks. Misuse of the Internet will not be tolerated. Violation of the policy may result in disciplinary action, revoking of a user's access and/or appropriate legal action.

Individual schools may have additional policies or restrictions as deemed necessary as long as they do not violate the provisions of this document.

**This contract must be renewed each year. Everything below must be filled out completely. Please check the appropriate line, sign and return this form to the school.**

As a parent or guardian, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy concerning the appropriate use of the Internet and I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school. (Questions should be directed to the principal)

\_\_\_\_\_ My child may use the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer that my child not use the Internet while at school.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_