

Maury County Public Schools Computer Resources Student Guidelines

The Maury County School District has provided computers for use by students, offering access to a vast amount of information for use in studies, acting like an enormous extension to the school library and offering great potential to support the curriculum.

The computers are provided and maintained for the benefit of all students, and you are encouraged to use and enjoy these resources, and help to ensure they remain available to all. You are responsible for good behaviour with the resources and on the Internet just as you are in a classroom or a school corridor. Remember that access is a privilege, not a right and inappropriate use will result in that privilege being withdrawn.

Maury County Schools makes every attempt to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act by filtering Internet content.

Please remember the following rules when using technology in the Maury County School system:

- All network communication must be polite, kind, and free from inappropriate language.
- Personal addresses, phone numbers, and financial information shall not be included in network communications.
- Only use the computers for educational purposes.
- Only access suitable material; material must be for educational use only and remain totally free of inappropriate language, content and / or illegal activities.
- To protect yourself and the systems, you should respect the security on the computers; attempting to bypass or alter the settings is not permitted.
- Attempts to tamper with other people's data or to gain unauthorized access to accounts or files on the network, including the Internet is not permitted.
- Respect the work and ownership rights of people outside the school, as well as other students or staff. This includes abiding by copyright laws.
- 'Chat' activities and instant messaging take up valuable resources which could be used by others to benefit their studies. These activities should be avoided.
- Protect the computers from spillages by eating or drinking well away from the IT equipment.
- You should access the Internet only for study or for school authorised/supervised activities.

Please read this document carefully. If you violate these provisions, access to the Internet will be denied and you will be subject to disciplinary action. Additional action may be taken by the school in line with existing policy regarding school behaviour. For serious violations, suspension or expulsion may be imposed. Where appropriate, police may be involved or other legal action taken.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school computer facilities within these guidelines.

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

I have read and understand the above.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____