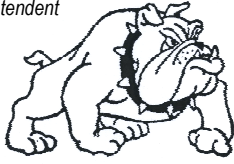


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DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Covert Public Schools is a community-minded organization dedicated to the education of students from early childhood to adulthood.

- We will:** (1) Provide educational leadership through quality instruction.
(2) Implement an academically sound, standards-based curriculum.
(3) Support students in meeting grade level benchmarks for the District and State standards.

Internet and Network Acceptable Use Policy

Use of Covert Public School District's internet access and network services by students, teachers, and school employees is permitted and encouraged where such use is suitable for educational purposes and supports the educational and administrative goals and objectives of the district. Network resources and the Internet are to be used in a manner that is consistent with the district's standards of conduct and as part of the normal execution of a student's education, a teacher's instruction, and an employee's job responsibilities. As such, this access will (1) assist in the collaboration and exchange of information, (2) facilitate personal growth in the use of technology, and (3) enhance information gathering and communication skills.

General Principles

The intent of this contract is to ensure students, teachers and school employees will comply with all internet and network acceptable use policies approved by the district. In exchange for the use of network resources and the internet, internal or external I understand and agree to the following:

- District-provided Internet/Intranet access, e-mail privileges, as well as computer systems and networks, are considered district resources, and are intended to be used for educational and administrative purposes only. Abuse of the above resources may result in revoking internet, email and network privileges.
- Internet filtering and monitoring software is being utilized on the district network for user protection. Please be aware that attempted access to unacceptable websites will be monitored and reported; and disciplinary measures will be taken for these actions.
- District e-mail accounts, network and internet IDs, and web pages should not be used for anything other than district-sanctioned communications. Covert Public Schools reserves the right to determine the suitability of transmitted information.
- Students, teachers, and school employees should be aware that distribution of any information, school-related or personal, will be monitored for security, and/or network management reasons.
- Correspondence via e-mail, and files stored on the network are not guaranteed to be private. Official communications of a sensitive or confidential nature should not be sent unless they are encrypted.
- Individual opinions expressed using district technologies are not reflective of Covert Public School policy.

The Covert Public School District is in compliance with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap.

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Conditions of Use

The following practices are considered unacceptable. Violators may be subject to disciplinary actions, including written warnings, lost of access privileges, and possible termination of enrollment or employment. Covert Public School District reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

- Visiting obscene, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials; sending or receiving any material that is obscene, defamatory, or that is intended to annoy, harass or intimidate another person.
- Sending and receiving unusually large e-mails or attachments; sending or forwarding electronic chain letters.
- Spending time on non-educational or non-scholastic business.
- Soliciting e-mails unrelated to school activities, or soliciting non-school business for personal gain / profit.
- Soliciting district network resources / information for personal gain or profit.
- Representing personal opinions as those of the district.
- Using the internet or e-mail for gambling or any illegal activities.
- Making or posting indecent remarks, proposals or materials.
- Uploading, downloading or otherwise transmitting commercial software or copyrighted material in violation of its copyright.
- Intentionally interfering with normal operation of the network, including the propagation of computer viruses, altering of system software, or sustained high volume network traffic, etc.
- Revealing or publicizing confidential or proprietary information, including, but is not limited to: school databases and the information contained therein, computer software, network access codes and student and staff personal information.
- Intentionally examining, modifying, or obtaining copies of data belonging to other users.
- Using others network or internet ID and password to access network resources or the internet.
- All other inappropriate uses of internet / intranet or network resources that may be identified by school administration or systems administrators.

Covert Public School District does not guarantee the functions of network resources or the internet will meet specific requirements user have, or that network resources will be error free or uninterrupted. The district shall not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or time) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.

In return for the privileges of using the district's internet access, and information obtained using network resources, I hereby release Covert Public Schools District and its agents, from any and all claims arising from my use of district's network resources and internet access.

To the extent that proprietary rights in a work product would vest in the student upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the district.

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I agree to abide by rules pertaining to the network, resources, equipment, and internet access as further added by the acceptable use policy.

As the parent / legal guardian, I agree to indemnify Covert Public Schools for any fees, expenses, or damages incurred as a result of my child's use or misuse of the district's network or equipment.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

OPT OUT OF INTERNET

I do not want my student to have access to the internet

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date