

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Internet access is now available to students and staff in the Todd County School District.

Todd County School District Board of Education believes the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to students and staff. The goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools 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 subscribers. 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. Todd County School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The Todd County School District Board of Education firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational vision and mission of the district.

Todd County School District Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing on-line resources. Before faculty, staff, students, or community members will be provided access to the Internet, they must complete a mandatory workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to educate users on proper Internet conduct as well as educating them about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of users, who must adhere to strict guidelines. The administration will formulate the necessary regulations to carry out this policy of acceptable Internet use and the consequences if violations occur.

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