

**MSAD #68
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Preamble:

The MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network will bring many additional resources to our school communities. As a publicly funded system for the enhancement of facilitating this access and this communication, the network will exist as an extension of the existing school communities. As such, it will be a place in which students, parents, teachers, and community members will pursue learning with the same set of standards for behavior and intellectual effort that define the traditional school roles.

Educational Purpose:

The primary purpose of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network is educational. Users are responsible for ensuring that their activities adhere to generally accepted educational standards.

Privilege:

The use of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network is a privilege and not a right. Inappropriate use will result in restriction or cancellation of access privileges. Commonly accepted guidelines for developmentally appropriate skills will be used in determining access levels. Before access is granted to the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network, all users must attend a presentation on the aspects of security and ethics involved in using the network.

Privacy:

The MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network will be maintained and managed by the system administrator in such a way as to ensure its availability and reliability in performing its educational mission. This will require the ability and authority to inspect any and all materials transferred by, or stored within the network by any and all users. Because of this, users will have no reasonable expectation of privacy, and with respect to access by the system administrators or their designee, to any material transferred by or stored within the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network. This inspection can occur at any time and without any cause. While it is not the intention of the system administrators to use this access in an intrusive manner, it is critical that the authority for such access be reserved in an effort to prevent any abuse of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network.

Copyrighted and other proprietary materials:

All users shall respect copyright and proprietary interest of any material accessed through the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network. This will be consistent with an established Copyright Policy.

Responsibilities:

Responsible use of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network requires that users not:

- interfere with normal and proper operation of this network or the Internet
- adversely affect the ability of others to use the Network equipment or services
- conduct themselves in ways that are harmful or offensive to others
- pursue material that could be considered offensive

All users shall assume full liability for their actions: legal, financial, or otherwise. No individual shall become a user of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network without signing the Network Use Contract.

While every effort will be made to prevent unacceptable use of the MSAD #68 Telecommunication Network, parents are advised that students may access pornography and other inappropriate materials.