

Internet Acceptable Use Policy For Pacific Union College Preparatory School

PUC Preparatory School is pleased to offer its students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the registrar.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. The Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (our governing body) believes, however, that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed any disadvantages and therefore support the school's choice to make Internet available to students. Ultimately parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources, PUC Prep supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Since the network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege—not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Students are responsible for good behavior and communication on the school computer network just as they are anywhere on the school campus. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. PUC Prep School takes very seriously the responsibility for appropriate use of the network. Teachers will guide students toward resources acceptable within the framework of the general school standards. Also, blocking software will be installed at each school site. If a student should find some way of bypassing this software and access inappropriate material the school will not be liable and the student will forfeit network privileges.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that stored files would always be private.

Students are expected to be polite in all communications. They will be responsible for damage to all computer hardware and software. They will respect others' passwords, folders, work and files. They will be taught about copyright laws and are expected to observe them. Any activity not in accordance with these general rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the school's network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

Print Student Name Here

Student Signature

Birth Date

Grade

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for any inappropriate behavior. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility to work with the school in guidance of Internet use—setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Print Parent Name Here

Parent Signature

Date Signed

Telephone #

Street Address

City

Zip