

Maury County Schools
Application For Account And Terms And Conditions For Use Of The Internet and Network
2020-2021

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must follow strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If a user violates any of these provisions, his/her account will be canceled and future access could be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

The Maury County School System has provided computers for use by staff, 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 staff, and you are encouraged to use and enjoy these resources, and help to ensure they remain available to all. Remember that access is a privilege, not a right and inappropriate use will result in that privilege being withdrawn.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.

Professional Development. At various times throughout the year, Maury County Schools offers Professional Development to both Staff and Teachers.

Please remember the following:

- Protect your work by keeping your password to yourself; never use someone else's logon name or password.
- Do NOT give your password to a substitute teacher or student.
- All network communication must be polite, kind, and free from inappropriate language.
- Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private.
- You may NOT access personal E-Mail accounts. Only approved accounts are allowed. These are currently student.mauryk12.org and mauryk12.org.
- Only open attachments to emails if they come from someone you already know and trust. Attachments can contain viruses or other programs that could destroy all the files and software on your computer.
- Personal addresses, phone numbers, and financial information shall not be included in network communications.
- Always get permission before installing, attempting to install or storing programs of any type on the computers.
- Installation of any computer or network device to the existing network must be approved by the IT department.
- Only use the computers for educational purposes. Activities such as buying or selling goods are inappropriate.
- Only access suitable material; using the Internet to obtain, download, send, print, display or otherwise transmit or gain access to materials which are unlawful, obscene or abusive is not permitted.
- To protect yourself and the School System, 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.
- You are not allowed to send chain E-Mails or any non-school business related E-Mail to any school system owned mailing list.

Consequences for Violation. Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of one's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring. School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

Internet Safety. The attorney general shall work with the Department of Education to assist local school districts in developing their own methods for teaching Internet safety to elementary and secondary students, as well as parents, which are within the guidelines established by the Department of Education.

The attorney general shall also work with the Department of Education to establish best practices for teaching Internet safety and make those best practices and other resources, including sample curricula on Internet safety, available to public and private schools throughout Tennessee. (Ref: Tennessee Code Annotated, § 49-1-221)

The Maury County School System is educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. (Ref. S. 1492--110th Congress (2007): Broadband Data Improvement Act)

The Maury County School System will hold at least one public meeting per year in which the public may address current and proposed technology protection measures, Internet Safety classes taught in school, and to discuss the Acceptable Use Policy.

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 staff behaviour. 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.

School: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____