

Platte Center Elementary Acceptable Use Policy

To provide an intellectual atmosphere that includes access to knowledge and information, Platte Center Elementary School believes that all students should have the opportunity to develop skills in using computer technology. The technology of the computer network is defined as all computers, both hardware and software, the LAN (local area network), furniture, and all transmitted information. Transmitted information includes but is not limited to: electronic mail, web browsing, file transfer protocol, and any information retrieval via the Internet.

The Internet is an electronic superhighway connecting thousands of computers and users all around the world. This will give students access to electronic mail communication with people all over the world; information and news from around the world as well as the opportunity to correspond with the providers of this information; discussion groups on a wealth of topics; and access to many university library catalogs and databases. With this 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.

Platte Center Elementary School has taken all available precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. The internet connection from Platte Center Elementary School's internet connection is filtered through a server at Educational Service Unit #7. This server blocks access to inappropriate sites and hotmail access. We also monitor internet usage closely. Students are not allowed access without teacher supervision. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information. We firmly believe 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 goals of Platte Center Elementary School.

Use of technology at Platte Center Elementary is a privilege extended to individuals who wish to enhance their learning experiences. Users will broaden their global horizons and discover a vast scope of information and experience. Learning through interaction with the technology will furnish a graduate with many of the job readiness and skills required by our evolving business and educational community. Each user has the privilege to make use of authorized hardware and software found on school grounds in order to facilitate his/her academic growth in his/her learning.

Transmission and viewing of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: plagiarizing, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene materials, or materials protected by trade secret or that are classified government information. Use of the Internet for commercial activities by students is not allowed. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. All board policies and school regulations apply to the use of the network to support the educational goals of this institution. When a district incurs a cost due to student negligence or misuse, the student will be responsible for the cost.

Internet Usage Rules

- 1. Students at Platte Center Elementary School are expected to comply with the following procedures.**
- 2. Students will follow the above acceptable use statement.**
- 3. Sharing of personal notes and non school related information by Email, chat lines, etc. is prohibited.**
- 4. No student is allowed to access any other user's files.**
- 5. No student is allowed to use any material that has not been assigned by Platte Center Elementary.**
- 6. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other anti-social behaviors are prohibited on the network.**
- 7. The use of the computer to transmit or view pornography, or any other information generally considered inappropriate in a school setting, is forbidden.**

I have read and understand the above acceptable use policy and agree to follow all of the guidelines.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____