

**ADULT and COMMUNITY USERS ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES FOR THE NAUSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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I accept and agree to abide by all rules which are listed in the Nauset Public Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines below:

**Unacceptable Uses**

The following uses of the Nauset network are considered unacceptable:

**1. Email, Chat and Instant Messaging**

Users of the Nauset networks are not permitted to use commercial Web-based mail (Hotmail, YahooMail, etc.) on any school computer, or any type of instant messaging including, but not limited to, AOL Instant Messenger, MSN Messenger, and ICQ.

**2. Illegal Activities** You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the network or to any other computer system through the system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files. You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. You will not use the Nauset network to engage in any other inappropriate act such as threatening the safety of another person, etc.

**3. System Security** You are responsible for any file space you have on the network or classroom computer and must take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to access your data. Under no condition should you provide the password to another person. You will immediately notify the instructor if you have identified a possible security problem. Do not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. No computer software or shareware may be downloaded or installed onto school machines at any time. If a diskette of data is brought in from home, you will make every attempt to scan it for viruses before use. Adding a password to a computer file on the network or on the local machine is prohibited.

**4. Respecting Resource Limits** You should use the system only for the purposes you require. Streaming video and audio for recreational purposes will not be allowed. This includes radio station feeds, movie trailers, etc.

**5. Copyright and Plagiarism** You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the requirements. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, you should request permission from the copyright owner.

**6. Inappropriate Access to Material** You will not use the Nauset network to access material that is profane or obscene, that advocates illegal or dangerous acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people.

If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately inform an instructor. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated the Internet and Network Use Guidelines.

I realize that the primary purpose of the Nauset Public Schools' network and Internet connection, including the Community Education Program, is curricular.

I realize the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. I accept that inappropriate behavior may lead to penalties including loss of access, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

I agree not to participate in the transfer of inappropriate or illegal materials through the Nauset Public Schools Internet or network connection. Should I inadvertently find such material, I will immediately notify the teacher in charge. I realize that in some cases, the transfer of such material may result in legal action against me.

I agree not to allow other individuals to use my account for Internet activities nor will I give anyone my password, or the password of anyone else, should I happen to know it.

I release the Nauset Public Schools, its employees, and all other organizations related to the Nauset Internet connection from any liability or damages that may result from the use of the Internet connection. In addition, I will accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my actions with regards to the use of the Internet.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, accept and agree to abide by all rules which are listed in the Nauset Public Schools Adult Users Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines.

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(Adult user's signature)

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