

YAVNEH ACADEMY 2012-2013
COMPUTER & INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Dear Parent,

The Internet is available at Yavneh Academy and we believe it has been a significant tool for instruction and research during school years. In order to assure a safe technology environment for everyone, the Technology Department at Yavneh Academy has established a Computer & Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). This policy will assist faculty, parents and students in understanding the rules and regulations that come with using technology at Yavneh Academy.

In addition to this AUP, we have implemented technology & policies at our school to further safeguard your student's safety when using the Internet. We have a comprehensive network firewall so that all Internet use at the school is monitored, filtered to the best of its ability and reported. By using or accessing the school's network, users agree to comply with this AUP and other applicable policies, which may be implemented from time to time, as well as all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Please review the attached Acceptable Use Policy with your son/daughter, sign the last page and return it to the Technology Department. Your student will not be able to use the Internet at school until the form is signed and returned.

Thanks for helping in maintaining a safe and enhanced learning environment for our students.

Best regards,

Rabbi Jonathan Knapp

Principal

Yavneh Academy

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Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy:

Yavneh Academy's Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP") was created to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). As used in this policy, "user" includes anyone using the computers, Internet, e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging (IM), peer-to-peer P2P, and other forms of direct electronic communications or equipment provided by Yavneh Academy. It also covers any outside equipment that uses the School's network to access the Internet.

Yavneh Academy will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent possible, access of visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors over the network. Yavneh Academy reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of School property, network and/or Internet access or files, including email.

Starting in 3rd grade, students attending Yavneh Academy must have their parents or guardians sign the AUP and the school will keep the signed page on file. Once signed, the permission/acknowledgement page remains in effect until revoked by the parent, or the student loses the privilege of using Yavneh Academy's network due to violation of the policy or is no longer a student at Yavneh Academy.

Staff Internet Use

Employees and other users are also required to follow this policy. Even without signature, all users must follow this policy and report any misuse of the network or Internet to an administrator or other appropriate school personnel. Access is provided primarily for education and school business. By using the network, users have agreed to this policy. If a user is uncertain about whether a particular use is acceptable or appropriate, he or she should consult an administrator or other appropriate school personnel.

Unacceptable Uses of the Computer Network or Internet

The following are examples of inappropriate activity on Yavneh Academy's network, and Yavneh Academy reserves the right to take immediate action regarding activities (1) that create security and/or safety issues for Yavneh Academy, students, employees, network or computer resources, or (2) that expend school resources on content Yavneh Academy in its sole discretion determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose, or (3) other activities as determined by Yavneh Academy as inappropriate.

- Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, such as: Accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials, materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information or copyrighted materials;
- Criminal activities that can be punished under law;
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances;
- Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites; spamming; spreading viruses;

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- Causing harm to others or damage to their property, such as:
 1. Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials;
 2. Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email;
 3. Damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance;
 4. Using any school computer to pursue "hacking," internal or external to Yavneh Academy, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws; or
- Engaging in uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into others' accounts or other computer networks, such as:
 1. Using another's account password(s) or identifier(s);
 2. Interfering with other users' ability to access their account(s); or
 3. Disclosing anyone's password to others or allowing them to use another's account(s).
- Using the network or Internet for Commercial purposes:
 1. Using the Internet for personal financial gain;
 2. Using the Internet for personal advertising, promotion, or financial gain; or
 3. Conducting for-profit business activities and/or engaging in non-government related fundraising or public relations activities such as solicitation for religious purposes, lobbying for personal political purposes.

Student Internet Safety

- Students should only access Yavneh Academy E-Mail accounts outside of school if a parent or legal guardian supervises their usage at all times. The student's parent or guardian is responsible for monitoring the minor's use;
- Students shall not reveal on the Internet personal information about themselves or other persons. For example, students should not reveal their name, home address, telephone number, or display photographs of themselves or others;
- Students shall not meet in person anyone they have met only on the Internet; and
- Students must abide by all laws, this Acceptable Use Policy and all Yavneh Academy security policies.

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Penalties for Improper Use

The use of a Yavneh Academy account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action for both students and employees, including suspension, expulsion, dismissal from Yavneh Academy employment, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. Yavneh Academy will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

Disclaimer

Yavneh Academy makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. When students bring their own devices (Laptops, iPads, etc) and the Technology Department needs to access the device for educational purposes, to add a network printer or any school related usage, Yavneh Academy or the Technology Department is not responsible for issues that arise on the students' device. The Technology Department is also not responsible for installing software on students' personal devices. Yavneh Academy also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of Yavneh Academy, its affiliates, or employees.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of Yavneh Academy.

Date: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____