

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

We are pleased to offer students of High Mount School access to electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access, all students must obtain parental permission.

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. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people.

While our intent is to make the Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from opportunities for collaboration exceed disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, High Mount School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers just as they are in a classroom. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The computer technology is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege-not a right-and entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computers are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with the district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials.

The following are not permitted:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
2. Using obscene language
3. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
4. Violating copyright laws
5. Using another person's password
6. Trespassing in another person's folders, work, or files
7. Intentionally wasting limited resources

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.