

The Oldham County Board of Education supports the use of varied technology as instructional tools and expects every student to demonstrate skills in the use of technology as outlined in the District Technology Exit Standards. Oldham County Schools offer students access to electronic information through a service called the Oldham County School Network (OCSNET). Along with this access to computers and to people all over the world comes the availability of materials that may not be considered appropriate for use in the classroom. Since it is impossible to control all materials available through the global network, school staff and parents/guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that students should follow when using these information resources. Teachers and other school staff shall monitor students' computer use. The school district shall utilize current filtering technology to ensure to the best extent possible, sexually explicit inappropriate material is not made available to students. The Superintendent shall implement procedures for determining whether inappropriate, including sexually explicit, materials are being accessed.

Oldham County Schools supports each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their child to have access.

***Access is a privilege, not a right.***

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using OCSNET, just as they are in classrooms and school hallways. Therefore, general school rules for behavior apply. Access to network services is offered to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required before access is allowed. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decisions are final. The administration and staff may revoke or suspend user access when these terms are violated.

Personally owned laptops may have access to OCSNet after receiving permission from School/District personnel.

The use of personal computing devices must adhere to the Oldham County Schools Acceptable Use Policy and the computer will be used for schoolwork only while on the network.

Legally owned versions of Windows 2000 Pro or XP Pro operating system must be installed and will be the responsibility of the owner. Windows 98 or below will not be allowed on the network.

Personally owned computing devices must have the most recent Windows updates and the latest virus scan dat files installed and operating on the machine.

The owner of the personally owned computing device is personally responsible for the equipment as well as all security, maintenance and repair.

Vandalism or theft of OCSNet resources, including data, files and hardware will not be tolerated.

**Students will:**

- use the network for educational purposes such as conducting research for assignments consistent with the Oldham County Schools expectations and District Exit Standards; and
- use appropriate language, avoiding swearing, vulgarities, or abusive language.

**Students will NOT:**

- violate any US or State regulation
- violate any copyright laws or plagiarize (including software copyright laws)
- use any other email account other than KETS approved standards
- not install any software on individual or school workstations without permission from the DTC
- transmit or receive materials in violation of federal or state regulations pertaining to copyright, or threatening or obscene materials, including sexually explicit materials;

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- use for commercial activities, product promotion, political lobbying, or illegal activities;
- break into/attempt to break into another computer network, otherwise known as “hacking”;
- damage/attempt to damage, move/remove software, hardware or files;
- use/play non-educational computer games (whether online, or CD, flash drive, etc)
- use unauthorized multi-user games;
- use unauthorized software products (such as PointCast) or monopolize resources by running large programs which adversely affect network performance;
- create or share computer viruses; or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy data of another user
- provide their password to anyone;
- offer your Internet access to anyone via OCSNET account
- download/rip any music to store on computers/network
- attempt to bypass the proxy server via any means
- block or attempt to block access of student files by district personnel
- stream music, radio, video for non-educational purposes
- access gambling sites
- access shopping sites for non-educational purposes (including checking bids on ebay purchases on line)

OCSNET communications are not private, and may be viewed by Oldham County Schools personnel, or by someone appointed by them, to ensure that all guidelines are followed. Violation of the terms listed above will result in a loss of access to OCSNET and may result in other disciplinary action under the guidelines of the Oldham County Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline. Use of public property for personal gain is a felony. Violators, or parents of student violators, may be subject to prosecution.

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