

Miller Creek Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a global computer network of schools, businesses, governments, organizations, and millions of individuals. All of them are exchanging or publishing ideas and information on thousands of topics. The Internet resources are constantly changing (and not always authoritative), and include government and scientific information, as well as material on business, current events, the arts, and popular culture.

The Internet is largely unregulated, and not all of the information it carries is suitable for children. Our service provider, Marin County Office of Education, uses a filter to block many inappropriate sites, but it is impossible to block all of them.

Miller Creek asks that parents read the following responsibilities carefully before giving permission for their child to use the Internet. We ask that students also read this document carefully before they agree to the responsibilities that accompany the privileges of Internet access. If parents tell a child that certain topics are not acceptable, it is the student's responsibility not to access these areas.

Responsibilities of Internet Use:

Every user of the Internet at Miller Creek Middle School accepts the responsibility of respecting the rights of all other network users, and of acting in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner at all times. Because in-school access to the Internet is a privilege, and because each student is personally responsible for his or her actions on the Internet, unacceptable behavior will result in the suspension or revocation of a student's personal Internet access. Some behaviors may even cause the school to lose its access rights.

All Internet users will be expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette, or netiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite. Do not be abusive in messages to others. Do not "yell" by using capital letters and an exclamation point.
2. Use appropriate language. Do not use profanity, vulgarities, or inappropriate language.
3. Do not become involved in any illegal activities, including copyright violations.
4. Never reveal your personal address or phone number, or those of others.
5. Respect the rights of others. Do not do anything that harms or disrupts the use of the network, either to the software or hardware. Do not vandalize or destroy the data of another user. Do not try to gain unauthorized access to resources or entities.
6. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private.

Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Only classroom projects using e-mail are allowed. Personal e-mail accounts should be accessed at home, not at school.

7. Everything on the Internet is subject to copyright law and should not be copied word-for-word without the author's permission.

8. Do not use the school's Internet connection to access any kind of chat groups, games, personal e-mail, or any inappropriate (such as pornography or violence) subjects.

Miller Creek Middle School and its network provider, the Marin County Office of Education, make no guarantees of any kind for the service we are providing. We will not be responsible for any damages you suffer, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions.

The agreement on the back is good for the years your child is at Miller Creek Middle School. Please make sure your child understands that he or she is forming an agreement with the school that they will abide by the rules listed above.

In addition, your child is expected to treat all computer hardware and software belonging to the school with care and respect!

- All food and beverages should be kept away from technology hardware. (Do not bring those items into any computer lab!)
- Desktop configurations should be left alone and hard-drives should not be altered without teacher permission.
- Please remember that the computer lab chairs are NOT toys. Use them to sit and work, not sit and spin.
- Please do not touch the computer screens. (Never use cleaning solutions of any kind on the screens!)
- Remember to ask Miller Creek staff BEFORE you print anything.
- Please make sure that your hands are clean before using any technological equipment.
- When using a laptop computer, make sure that it is on a solid surface.
- Never run with computer/digital camera, scissors, etc.

Vision of Technology in Dixie School District

The vision of the Dixie District is to create a student-centered, technology-enhanced learning environment that will enable seamless integration of technology to raise student achievement and foster life-long learning.

Miller Creek Middle School Use Agreement

STUDENT:

I have read and understand the Miller Creek Internet Use Policy and agree to abide by its terms and conditions. I understand that if I violate this use policy, my network/Internet privilege will be revoked and I will be subject to disciplinary action. I also understand that violating this use policy may subject me to criminal and/or civil liability.

Name (Please print) _____ Grade _____

Signature (in cursive) _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible for Miller Creek to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school, Dixie School District, or Marin County Office of Education responsible for materials acquired by my child on the network. I hereby give my permission for my child to have access to the school's Internet account and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

___ Yes, I give my child permission to have access to the Internet.

___ No, I do not give my child permission to have access to the Internet.
(Please be sure to give your child's name above if it is different from your last name.)

Name (Please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Daytime phone number _____

Evening phone number _____