



USE OF NETWORK/INTERNET STUDENT AGREEMENT (updated Oct 02)
STUDENT USE OF NETWORK/INTERNET POLICY – APPENDIX B (AP 404.1)
ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD



Students rely on a variety of information sources including the Internet to support and extend their learning as prescribed in the Nova Scotia Department of Education Public School Programs. The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board encourages students to access educational information resources through various media technologies, including the Internet. The Board recognizes, however, that students need guidance in their exploration of the internet environment, so that these experiences will be healthy, safe, and educationally relevant.

The Board will provide clear guidelines for acceptable use of school networks and the Internet by students. These guidelines will be consistent with the Nova Scotia Department of Education Public School Programs' Internet Access and Use Policy and provide a framework for the appropriate use of the Internet while supporting student learning.

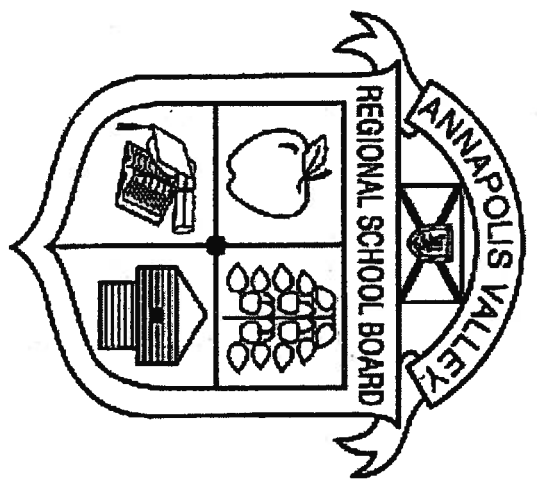
GUIDELINES

The use of the AVRSB network and access to the Internet is a privilege. Unacceptable use may result in disciplinary action consistent with the AVRSB Student Code of Behavior, including the suspension or cancellation of access privileges. Students should understand that the loss of access privileges may negatively impact on requirements for course work for which they are responsible.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Personal information which identifies users, such as pictures, addresses, telephone numbers, parents'/guardians' names, will not be web-published.
2. Users will not install/run applications on AVRSB computers that have not been approved for use by authorized school or school board staff.
3. Users will not play games or engage in the use of Chat lines or variants of Internet Relay Chat (IRC) without prior approval of authorized school or school board staff.
4. Users will not use the AVRSB network to access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit material, or materials that use language or images that advocate violence, harassment or discrimination toward other people (hate literature).
5. Users will not use the AVRSB network to transmit or receive abusive, profane, vulgar, rude, threatening or disrespectful language or images.
6. Users will not use the AVRSB network to gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information or files.

(This portion is to be completed on reverse, detached, and returned to school for filing)



7. Users will only use email accounts provided to them by their school or the AVRSB. Users will not use anonymous email accounts such as Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.
8. A user will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the AVRSB network or any other network through the AVRSB network, attempt to log in through another person's account, or use computer accounts, access codes or network identification other than those assigned to the user.
9. Users will not attempt to connect unauthorized hardware (including personal laptops) to AVRSB networks without the express permission of AVRSB technical staff.
10. Users will not use the AVRSB network to violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.
11. Users will not download or transfer pirated software to or from any school computer.
12. Users will not use the AVRSB network for unauthorized commercial purposes including product advertising and to offer goods and/or products for sale.
13. Users will adhere to other guidelines that individual schools adopt in response to specific requirements of their environment. Such additional guidelines will be communicated in a manner consistent with the normal running of the school.

LIMITED EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

1. By authorizing the use of a computer network, the AVRSB does not relinquish control over materials on the network or contained in files on the network. Users should expect only limited privacy in the contents of personal files on the AVRSB network.
2. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the AVRSB network may lead to a discovery that a user has violated this policy or another AVRSB policy.
3. An individual investigation or search will be conducted if AVRSB personnel have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of this policy.
4. Parents or guardians have the right at any time to review the contents of their child's files.

INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

- A. The proper use of the Internet, and the educational value to be gained from proper Internet use, is the joint responsibility of students, parents and employees of the AVRSB.
- B. The Internet Use Agreement form must be read and signed by the user and the parent or guardian. The form must then be returned to the school for filing.

Please detach and return bottom portion – retain the above portion for your records

Student (Student signature required for students in grades 7 – 12)

I have read and understand the AVRSB Student Use of Network/Internet Policy and Guidelines and agree to abide by the conditions and spirit of the Policy. I understand that the AVRSB provides network services to students for educational purposes. I also understand that any violation of the policy is subject to disciplinary action on the part of the school and/or Board.

Date _____ Users Name _____ Signature _____

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and understand the AVRSB's Student Use of Network/Internet Policy and Guidelines. I understand that the AVRSB provides network services to students for educational purposes. I also understand that any violation of the policy is subject to disciplinary action on the part of the school and/or Board.

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____