

I.3.R Responsible Computer, Network & Internet UseCentral Vermont Supervisory Union
Echo Valley Community School District
Paine Mountain School District**Purpose:**

The *Central Vermont Supervisory Union, Paine Mountain, and Echo Valley Community School Districts* recognizes that information technology (IT) is integral to learning and educating today's children for success in the global community and fully supports the access of these electronic resources by students and staff. The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Create an environment that fosters the use of information technology in a manner that supports and enriches the curriculum, provides opportunities for collaboration, and enhances staff professional development.
2. Ensure the district takes appropriate measures to maintain the safety of everyone that accesses the district's information technology devices, network and internet resources.
3. Comply with the requirements of applicable federal and state laws that regulate the provision of access to the internet and other electronic resources by school districts.

Policy:

It is the policy of the *Central Vermont Supervisory Union, Paine Mountain, and Echo Valley Community School Districts* to provide students and staff access to a multitude of information technology (IT) resources including the Internet. These resources provide opportunities to enhance learning and improve communication within our community and with the global community beyond. With the privilege of access comes the responsibility of students, teachers, staff and the public to exercise responsible use of these resources. The use by students, staff or others of district IT resources is a privilege, not a right.

The same rules and expectations govern student use of IT resources as apply to other student conduct and communications, including but not limited to the district's harassment and bullying policies. The district's computer and network resources are the property of the district. Users shall have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send, receive or display on or over the district's computers or network resources, including personal files.

The superintendent is responsible for establishing procedures governing use of IT resources consistent with the provisions of this policy. These procedures must include:

1. An annual process for educating students about responsible digital citizenship. As defined in this policy, a responsible digital citizen is one who:
 - **Respects One's Self.** Users will maintain appropriate standards of language and behavior when sharing information and images on social networking websites and elsewhere online. Users refrain from distributing personally identifiable information about themselves and others.
 - **Respects Others.** Users refrain from using technologies to bully, tease or harass other people. Users will report incidents of cyber bullying and harassment in accordance with the district's policies on bullying and harassment. Users will also refrain from using another person's system account or password or from presenting themselves as another person.
 - **Protects One's Self and Others.** Users protect themselves and others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials and communications. They are responsible at all times for the proper use of their account by not sharing their system account password. Students and staff should only communicate via email with each other using their school-issued email account. Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the District network, you

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must notify the CVSU Network Administrator and agree not to share knowledge of the security problem with other users.

- **Respects Intellectual Property.** Users suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.
 - **Protects Intellectual Property.** Users request to use the software and media others produce.
2. Provisions necessary to ensure that Internet service providers and other contractors comply with applicable restrictions on the collection and disclosure of student data and any other confidential information stored in district electronic resources.
 3. Technology protection measures that provide for the monitoring and filtering of online activities by all users of district IT, including measures that protect against access to content that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.
 4. Methods to address the following:
 - Control of access by minors to sites on the Internet that include inappropriate content, such as content that is: Lewd, vulgar, or profane, Threatening, Harassing or discriminatory, Bullying, Terroristic, Obscene or pornographic.
 - The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, social media sites, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
 - Prevention of unauthorized online access by minors, including “hacking” and other unlawful activities.
 - Unauthorized disclosure, use, dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
 - Restriction of minors’ access to materials harmful to them.
 5. A process whereby authorized persons may temporarily disable the district’s Internet filtering measures during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

Policy Application:

This policy applies to anyone who accesses the district’s network, collaboration and communication tools, and/or student information systems either on-site or via a remote location, and anyone who uses the district’s IT devices either on or off-site.

Limitation/Disclaimer of Liability:

The District is not liable for unacceptable use or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, user mistakes or negligence, and costs incurred by users. The District is not responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the District’s electronic resources network including the Internet. The District is not responsible for any damage experienced, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through or stored on the electronic resources system including the Internet, or for financial obligations arising through their unauthorized use. Even though The District has taken thorough precautions to filter inappropriate content, with Internet and computer access also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Some of the information and material communicated through computer use or found on the Internet may be illegal, insulting, or offensive.

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Enforcement:

The district reserves the right to revoke access privileges and/or administer appropriate disciplinary action for misuse of its IT resources. In the event there is an allegation that a user has violated this policy, a student will be provided with notice and opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in the student disciplinary policy.

Allegations of staff member violations of this policy will be processed in accord with contractual agreements and legal requirements.

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CVSU Respectful & Responsible Computer, Network & Internet Use Agreement - Students

For the privilege of using *CVSU's* computers and /or computer networks, I understand, accept, and agree to abide by the following conditions:

1. I agree to pay *CVSU* for any and all charges and/or liability that occurs as a result of misuse or damage of computers and/or computer networks.
2. I have received and read the terms and conditions for responsible use. I understand the terms and conditions and I agree to comply with all of them. Should I violate the terms and conditions, I understand that I may lose network privileges and I may be subject to disciplinary or legal action in accordance with school policy, local, state, and federal laws.
3. I understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable but I also recognize it is impossible for *CVSU* to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for material acquired on the *CVSU* Network or Internet.

I. User Agreement

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Grade: _____

II. Parent/Guardian Permission

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student above, I have received, read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions for responsible use. I grant permission for the above student to access networked computer service in compliance with the *CVSU's* Technology Responsible Use Agreement. I understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable but I also recognize it is impossible for *CVSU* to restrict access to all controversial materials; I will not hold *CVSU* responsible for material acquired on the *CVSU* Network or Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name(s) _____

III. DURATION: This agreement is in effect until the student's last day of enrollment in the CVSU school district.