

**MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY**

**6162.1**

**INSTRUCTION  
RESOURCES-INTERNET/INTRANET USE**

**Acceptable Internet/Intranet Use Policy for Students**

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Monmouth Regional High School provides access to the Internet/Intranet for all students, faculty, and staff. Students must have permission from at least one of their parents or guardians who has legal custody to access the Internet/Intranet at school.

In making decisions regarding student access to the Internet/Intranet, the Monmouth Regional High School District (MRHS) considers its own stated educational mission, goals, and objectives. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the Internet/Intranet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources.

The District expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the Internet/Intranet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use. As much as possible, access from school to Internet/Intranet resources should be structured in ways, which point students to those, which have been evaluated prior to use. While students will be able to move beyond those resources to others that have not been previewed by staff, they shall be provided with guidelines and lists of resources particularly suited to learning objectives.

Outside of school, families bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, and other possibly offensive media.

Access to email services and the internet also brings the possibility, even with the use of filtering software, that materials may be accessed by students and staff that is either of no educational value, or violates applicable State or Federal law. With the current state of technology, it is impossible to control access to all materials which are obscene or profane, or advocate illegal acts, violence or unlawful discrimination. Intentional violation will result in disciplinary action.

The use of the Internet/Intranet account is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action by school officials. Student's activities while using the Internet/Intranet in this school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of the Monmouth Regional High School District. In addition, a student accessing the Internet/Intranet from a school site is responsible for all on-line activities. While in MRHS facilities using another organizations' network or computing resources, students must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.

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The Monmouth Regional High School Board of Education states that it is the student's responsibility to:

- Exercise his/her right to use the Internet/Intranet as an educational resource and shall also accept the responsibility for all material received by him/her.
- Monitor all material received via the Internet/Intranet.
- keep copy-righted software of any kind from entering the school via the Internet/Intranet, disk, or CD unless authorized and installed by the Data Processing Department.
- make all subscriptions to newsgroups and lists known to the classroom teacher or Librarian. Approval is required prior to requesting a newsgroup and/or list from the network.
- use only software to which he/she has been granted express rights by the school
- make every attempt to use the computer facilities in an economic fashion so as not to use computer time, space or resources in a way that would delay or prohibit other students or staff members use.
- close their account and log out before leaving the computer.

The Monmouth Regional High School Board of Education states that the following actions (which are not inclusive) constitute unacceptable use of the Internet/Intranet.

- using impolite, abusive, sexually explicit, obscene, threatening or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages;
- placing unlawful information on the Internet/Intranet;
- using the Internet/Intranet illegally in ways that violate federal, state, or local laws or statutes;
- using the Internet/Intranet at school for non-school related activities
- sending chain letters or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals, and any other types of use which would cause congestion of the Internet/Intranet or otherwise interfere with the work of others;
- using the Internet/Intranet for commercial purposes;
- using the Internet/Intranet for political lobbying or political messages of any sort;
- changing any computer file that does not belong to the user;
- sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission;
- using another person's password or allow others to use your password or ID;
- using Internet/Intranet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network;
- circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks;
- attempting to gain access to another's resources, programs, or data;
- vandalizing, which is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet/Intranet, and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses;
- falsifying one's identity to others while using the Internet/Intranet;
- receiving information that may be helpful or descriptive in making devices which may be harmful to the user or others.
- using the Internet/Intranet for gambling.
- Game playing unless the supervising teacher deems the activity in conformity to the curricular goals of the school
- Using downloaded materials in assignments, reports or papers without proper citation of the source of those downloaded materials.

Unauthorized downloading or installing games or music to your Network drive, local drive or desktop.

## Parent's Agreement

As the parent or guardian of the above mentioned student, I have read the Acceptable Internet/Intranet Use Policy at Monmouth Regional High School # 6162.1 and Policy/Administrative Guide #5131 Student Conduct/Discipline, and discussed the use of the Internet/Intranet with my child. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that employees of the school or school system may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials on the Internet/Intranet. I will not hold them responsible for materials my son or daughter acquires as a result of the use of the Internet/Intranet from school facilities. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of the Internet/Intranet is conducted within or outside the school setting. I hereby give my permission to Monmouth Regional High School to permit my child to access the Internet/Intranet provided on the school site.

MRHS is pleased to offer its student's access to the Internet/Intranet. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting hundreds of thousands of computers and millions of individual users all over the world. This computer technology will help propel our school through the communications age by allowing students and staff to access and use resources from distant computers, communicates and collaborates with other individuals and groups around the world, and significantly expand their available base. The Internet is a tool for life-long learning. Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet, which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. Purchases will not be appropriate for MRHS Students.

While the District's intent is to make Internet/Intranet access available in order to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Even should the Districts institute technical methods or systems to regulate students' Internet/Intranet access, those methods could not guarantee compliance with the District's acceptable use procedure. That notwithstanding, the District believes that the benefits to students of access to the Internet/Intranet exceed the disadvantages.

Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Toward that end, the MRHS complete Internet/Intranet policy and procedures is available on request for review by all parents, guardians, and other members of the community; and provides parents and guardians the option of requesting for their minor children alternative activities not requiring Internet/Intranet use.

NOTICE: This procedure and all its provisions are subordinate to local, state, and federal statutes.

**TURN OVER**

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The signature(s) above is (are) legally binding and indicates that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance. If any use of computers at MRHS is illegal, the student responsible may be subject to criminal prosecution

### Student's Agreement

I have read the Policy #6162.1 Acceptable Internet/Intranet Policy at Monmouth Regional High School and Policy/Administrative Guide #5131 Student Conduct/Discipline, and I understand fully and agree to abide by the principles and guidelines it contains. In addition, I have read and agree to refrain from those actions listed but not limited to in said policy which are considered unacceptable to the proper use of Internet/Intranet resources.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The signature(s) above is (are) legally binding and indicates that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance. If any use of computers at MRHS is illegal, the student responsible may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Improper use of technology will be dealt with as outlined in Policy # 5131 Student Conduct/Discipline

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