

Torrance Adult School
Acceptable Use Policy – Network/Internet

Introduction

Torrance Adult School (TAS) has rules for acceptable use of information networks. The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges.

The use of the assigned account must be in support of education and research and with educational goals and objectives of TAS. The user is personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

Who's on the Internet?

The networks are 'public places.' You must always remember that you are sharing this space with many other users. Thousands of individuals may be interacting across the network at the same time. Your actions can be seen by other on the network. Your access passes through the School Districts Firewall and TUSD has the right to monitor what you do on the network and to log sites accessed in order to make sure that the network continues to function properly for all of its users.

Moral and Ethical Issues

TAS acknowledges that some materials exist that are inappropriate to the instructional setting and do everything we reasonably can to prevent them from being accessed. You must clearly understand that access to such material in any form is strictly forbidden.

Using Resources

- ★ Do not tie up the network for idle activities.
- ★ Do not play games on the network – they are not designed for computer games.
- ★ Do not download anything unless specifically directed to do so by your Instructor.
- ★ Use your access time efficiently. Do all possible preparation prior to accessing the Internet (Web).
- ★ Do not print anything from the Internet unless specifically directed to do so by your Instructor. Remember that much of the material on the Internet is copyrighted and is subject to copyright laws.

The Law

Section 502 of the Penal Code makes it a felony to access any computer system or network for the purpose of : 1) devising or executing any scheme or artifice to defraud or extort or 2) obtaining money, property, or services with false or fraudulent intent, representations or promises.

It is also a felony to maliciously access, alter, delete, damage or destroy any computer system, computer network, computer program or data. Penalties include fines of up to \$5000 and/or imprisonment in the state prison for up to three years or the county jail for up to one year.

Plagiarism: "Taking ideas or writings from another person and offering them as your own. **Copyright** law says that you cannot use copyrighted material unless you have written permission from the author.

Consent and Waiver

By signing this consent and waiver form, the student (signature below) agrees to abide by the policies stated here and further agrees that he/she will not access the Internet during break or anytime without the direction and knowledge of their instructor.

By signing this form I agree to the following terms:

1. My use of the District's network must be consistent with TUSD and TAS primary goals.
2. I will not use the network for illegal purposes of any kind.
3. I will not use the network to transmit threatening, obscene or harassing materials. The District will not be held responsible if I participate in such activities.
4. I will not retrieve/send personal e-mail attachments while using the TAS network.
5. I will not use the network to interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to, distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer worms and viruses and using networks to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network. I will not print anything unless my teacher directs me to do so and then only on my local printer.
6. I will not use the network for any purpose that incurs expense to TUSD or TAS.
7. I will not install any unauthorized software or data.
8. I will not use the network for product advertising or political lobbying.
9. It is assumed that information and resources accessible via the TAS and TUSD network are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold rights to those resources and information unless specifically stated otherwise by the owners or holders of rights. Therefore, I will not use the TUSD network to access information or resources unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of rights to those resources or information.

Student Name _____ Class _____
Print Student Name

Student Signature _____ Date _____