

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Student Acceptable Use Contract**

The Murrieta Valley Unified School District provides students access to the District computer system, which includes Internet access. This document contains the Acceptable Use Policy for student use of the District system. This District system has been established for educational purposes. The term “educational purpose” includes classroom activities, Internet projects, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities. MVUSD has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material students access or post through the system. Students are also expected to follow the rules set forth by schools, the District, and the Education Code. All students have access to the Internet through their classroom, library or school computer lab. The Murrieta Valley Unified School District system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum.

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**STUDENTS MAY NOT USE THE DISTRICT INTERNET SYSTEM UNTIL THE  
ANNUAL NOTIFICATION SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED AND RETURNED**

***Personal Safety:***

You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people. Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, work address, etc. You will not agree to meet with someone you have met on-line. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school employee any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

***Illegal Activities:***

You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the system or to any other computer system within the network or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person’s account or access another person’s file. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of “browsing”. You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal. You will not use the system to engage in any illegal act, including but not limited to arranging for a drug sale, purchasing alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, or threatening the safety of another person. You will not use the system for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the system. You will not use the system for political lobbying.

***System Security:***

You are responsible for your classroom’s account and you should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use your classroom’s account. Under no conditions should you provide your classroom’s password to another person without teacher permission. You will immediately notify a teacher, the system administrator, or designee if you have identified a possible security problem. Do not search for security problems, because it may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. You will avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following the District virus protection procedures when downloading software.

***Inappropriate Language:***

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages and material posted on Web pages. You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language. You will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks. You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization. You will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If you are told by a person to stop sending them messages, you must stop.

***Respect for Privacy:***

You will not report a message that was sent to you privately without first gaining permission from the person who sent you the message. However, if inappropriate material is sent, you do have the right to report it. You will not post private information about another person.

***Respecting Resource Limits:***

You will use the system only for educational and career development activities. Teacher approval is required to download all files. You will not post chain letters or engage in “spamming”. Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people. The District supports the legal, ethical and appropriate downloading of multimedia files for educational purposes. E-mail, “chatting”, posting messages through the Internet and other communication methods are only supported by the District when directly related to educational purposes. The District reserves the right to monitor on-line communications for improper use.

***Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement:***

You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writing of others and presenting them as if they were yours. You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the expressed requirements. Copyrighted material may be used provided copyright laws are observed and protected in that use. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, you should request written permission from the copyright owner.

***Access of Inappropriate Material:***

You will not use the District’s system to access material that is inappropriate for educational purposes, that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature). If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell your teacher or another District employee. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material that they think it would be inappropriate for you to access. The District fully expects that you will follow your parent’s instructions in this matter.

***Ownership:***

The District owns the computers in the schools and retains the rights to view material on all District computers. There should be no expectation of privacy on any District computer. Stealing, or attempting to steal school property or private property including but not limited to electronic files, databases, or other related information may result in a suspension or expulsion from school.

***Limitation of Liability:***

The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of the service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for the financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. The District provides a filter which blocks materials not suited for educational purposes. The understanding of this, and all filtering systems, however, is that they are not foolproof and the responsibility is on the user to follow school and District rules.

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Please sign and submit the Annual Notification signature page which states: **We have read, discussed, understand, and agree to follow the District’s rules, regulations, and Acceptable Use Policy when accessing and using the District’s information system. I also agree to follow any additional rules and restrictions that may be required by the school.**