

Voyager Academy

Internet Acceptable Use by Students

Voyager Academy recognizes that electronic resources of all types are becoming a vital part of up-to-date education for our students whom are preparing to become technologically literate citizens. Because of this, we support providing access to these resources for our students.

Having access to the internet and electronic mail(e-mail) gives our school community a wide range of educational opportunities. In the past, all resources in a school –textbooks, media materials ,etc.—have been carefully chosen based on established selection methods. However, with the internet and e-mail these selection methods are no longer usable. Therefore guidelines needed to be developed for internet use, which should include consequences for violating the guidelines, and permission forms.

Voyager expects that the internet and e-mail will be used for educational purposes only and that staff will use the guidelines contained in policy to instruct students in the use of these resources.

Students are responsible for exhibiting high standards of behavior in using the internet and e-mail as set forth in Voyager Academy Student code of conduct. The computer network is provided for students for educational purposes. Students who wish to have access to the network must submit a permission form which has been signed both by the student and the parent/guardian and in which they agree that the student will adhere to all guidelines and be responsible for his/her own actions. Staff members will instruct students in the correct use of these resources, and ensure that students read and understand the guidelines established, but the ultimate responsibility for a student's actions in using the internet and e-mail rest with the student and his/her parent/guardian. Students who do not adhere to the guidelines will have their e-mail and internet privileges revoked.

Access to the internet and to e-mail will allow students entry into a myriad of databases and libraries. Voyager Academy believes there are innumerable benefits to be gained from this access, but at the same time acknowledges the possible problems that can develop. In accordance with federal law, appropriate technology protection measures, including the use of internet filters and the monitoring of student's online activities, will be taken in an effort to block language and visual depictions that are obscene, offensive, lewd or pornographic and lacking serious literary, artistic, political or scientific values with respect to minors.