Student Internet Policy

Philosophy

The Internet can be a valuable tool in achieving academic goals. Along with the opportunity to use the Internet at school comes the responsibility to use it appropriately.

Standards

Students in Grades 5 - 9 may have access to the Internet under the following conditions:

1. Students have on file the Renaissance Academy Acceptable Use Policy signed by both the student and a parent.
2. The student has completed a review of the Acceptable Use Policy as conducted by a staff member.
3. The student uses the Internet to search for information related to a classroom unit only (NO web surfing). Students may search for information related to a special topic only if granted permission by a staff member.
4. The student is under supervision by a staff member who can periodically monitor the student's progress.

Students in Grades K-4 are NOT permitted to access the Internet for any reason, unless as a guided activity with a staff member. Students who use the Internet inappropriately will have their Internet privileges permanently rescinded. Students are not permitted to access the Internet for any reason after school hours. As a K-9 school, we use a filtering system that filters out websites related to pornography, obscene and tasteless material, alcohol, gambling, anarchy, chat rooms, criminal skills, drugs, personal ads, R-rated material, and web-based newsgroups. Although no filter will block all of the sites on the Internet that might be offensive, having a filter can help. All student-used Renaissance Academy computers will have an Internet access filter.