

# JCPNet Student Acceptable Use Policy

This document is part of the JCPS Code of Conduct.

The Board of Education supports reasonable access to various information formats for students and believes it is incumbent upon users to utilize this privilege in an appropriate and responsible manner. The JCPS District offers students access to electronic information through the JCPS Networks.

## ***Access is a privilege, not a right.***

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using the JCPS Networks, just as they are in classrooms and school hallways. Therefore, general school rules for behavior apply. Access to network services is offered to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner, and parent permission is required. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decisions are final. The administration and staff may revoke or suspend user access when these terms are violated.

**By signing the Acknowledgement of Receipt of the *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* and *Student Bill of Rights* (page 3 of the booklet), the parent/guardian authorizes the district to grant the student access to the JCPS Networks. By the signature of the parent/guardian and the student, the student agrees to abide by the following rules for acceptable use of electronic media. To opt out of the use of the JCPS Networks, the parent/guardian must provide written notice of such opt-out to the school principal.**

## **Students will:**

- Use the JCPS Networks for educational purposes such as conducting research for assignments consistent with the JCPS academic expectations; and
- Use appropriate language, avoiding swearing, vulgarities, or abusive language.

## **Students will NOT:**

- Transmit or receive materials in violation of federal or state laws or regulations pertaining to copyrighted, threatening or obscene materials, or transmit copyrighted or threatening materials, or transmit or receive obscene or sexually explicit materials;
- Use the JCPS Networks for personal or commercial activities, product promotion, political lobbying or illegal activities;
- Break into/Attempt to break into another computer network;
- Damage/Attempt to damage, move, or remove software, hardware or files;
- Use unauthorized multi-user games;
- Send or forward chain letters;
- Download or use unauthorized software products which adversely affect network performance;
- Create or share computer viruses;
- Share access to their JCPS Network account, or use another person's account;
- Maliciously attempt to harm or destroy data of another user; or,
- Use the JCPS Networks to otherwise violate the JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*;
- Use the JCPS Networks to disrupt the efficient operation and/or educational programs of JPCS.

**Communications through the JCPS Networks are not private, and may be reviewed by JCPS personnel, or by someone appointed by them, to ensure that all guidelines are followed. Violation of the terms listed above will result in a loss of access to the JCPS Networks and may result in other disciplinary action under the guidelines of the JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*.**