

Wai‘alae School's Internet Responsible User Policy

Wai‘alae School recognizes the value and importance of the Internet and other Web 2.0 tools for learning, research, and communication and provides Internet access at no cost to qualified individuals. Through their use of the Internet and other Web 2.0 tools, users will have access to vast stores of information resources, broaden their global horizons, and develop skills and competencies necessary for life in a technology-rich society.

However, student use of Wai‘alae School’s computers and other devices and the Department of Education’s network and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students shall have no expectation of privacy in their use. Administrators have the right and ability to monitor student accounts to insure safe, ethical, and responsible use of technology.

GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET

1. Students must have written consent from a parent or guardian and approval of a sponsoring teacher prior to accessing the Internet via Wai‘alae School's telecommunications system.
2. All use of the Internet and Wai‘alae School's telecommunications system must be in support of education and consistent with the goals of the Department of Education (DOE) and Wai‘alae School.
3. Any use of the system for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited unless related to specific instructional activities or educational purposes. Users shall not use their Internet privileges for personal gain, private business, or political purposes.
4. Internet accounts are for the exclusive use of the authorized owners. Users are responsible for the content of their communications and all publications originating from their accounts.
5. Users shall respect the privacy of other users. They shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network.
6. Transmission of hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other hurtful or offensive messages and content are prohibited on the network.
7. Users will adhere to all laws pertaining to copyright and respect the rights of the creators and owners of materials found through the Internet. Users will refrain from using the Internet to obtain unauthorized copies of software, creative works, and other intellectual property.
8. The use of the network to access inappropriate material (i.e., pornographic or adult entertainment, unlawful activities, gambling, violence, etc.) is prohibited.
9. Knowingly transmitting files dangerous to the integrity of the network (i.e., engaging in "hacking," spreading of computer viruses, etc.) is prohibited.
10. Violations of this Internet policy may result in the loss of Internet privileges. Serious infractions, including unauthorized use, intentional damage to files, data, or the integrity of the system, or infringement of copyright, may be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed under the DOE's Chapter 19 and/or penalties as required by federal and state laws.