

## MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

### ***Acceptable Use Agreement***

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#### **General Regulations**

The Internet and other on-line resources provided by MCPS are intended to be used to support the instructional program and further student learning. The Montgomery Blair network facilities are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner.

#### **Acceptable Use Agreement**

Because the Internet contains an unregulated collection of resources, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return an Acceptable Use Agreement (See Appendix A). This agreement shall specify STUDENT USER obligations, responsibilities, and consequences of misuse.

#### **User obligations & responsibilities**

Students are authorized to use the MCPS on-line services in accordance with this Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an on-line account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Users shall keep personal account numbers, home addresses and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own account number.
2. The MCPS computers, software applications, and Internet use shall only be used for purposes related to education. Commercial, political and/or personal use unrelated to an educational purpose and without staff authorization is strictly prohibited.
3. \*Use of the MCPS system's computers and Internet access are a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use shall result in cancellation of those privileges either temporarily or permanently. Students with suspended accounts are still responsible for completing all assignments by their due date.
4. Students are prohibited from accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful matter or material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.
5. Users may download copyrighted material for academic use only.
6. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism includes the intentional uploading, downloading or creating computer viruses and/or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy computer equipment or materials or the data of any other user.
7. Users shall report any misuse of IT equipment or services to the teacher or principal. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance will be viewed as criminal activity under applicable state and federal law.
8. Both student and parent or guardian must sign the Acceptable Use Agreement before a student may use MCPS computers.

- ***Student consequences range from a verbal warning to parent/guardian phone call with suspension of privileges.***

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**Student Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet Access**

By signing this agreement, my student and I are signifying that we have read the Montgomery Blair High School Acceptable Use Agreement together. Together, we have discussed the terms for using the computers at school and agree to abide by its terms. We understand that the computer network at school is to be used solely for educational purposes and that there is no expectation of privacy with respect to this use.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade \_\_)  
(Please PRINT- parent or guardian) (Please PRINT- student)

agree to allow my child to have computer access to the Internet through Montgomery Blair High School. I have read and agree to the Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet Access, and to be responsible for the behavior of my child.

I understand that the following will not be tolerated, and that violations may result in the loss of account privileges, as well as other disciplinary action:

- Sending or displaying offensive pictures or graphics
- Harassing, insulting, threatening or abusing other network users
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another user's account and password
- Using another user's computer without permission
- Damaging computers, personal or network files
- Trespassing in another user's private files
- Attempting to circumvent network security
- Using the Montgomery Blair network for commercial purposes or individual financial gain.