

GREEN COUNTRY TECHNOLOGY CENTER
POLICY, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF THE INTERNET & SOFTWARE
User Agreement

The following is a legally binding document. Please read carefully before signing.

Introduction

Internet access is available to school personnel and students at Green Country Technology Center. We are very pleased to provide this access to our school and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence at Green Country Technology Center by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Green Country Technology Center has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the worldwide web network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of Green Country Technology Center.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources.

If a Green Country Technology Center user violates any of the provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use - The purpose of the NSFNET (National Science Foundation Network), the backbone to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Green Country Technology Center. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
2. Privileges - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives access will be part of a discussion with a faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and his/her decision is final. Also, the system administrator may close access at any time as may be required. The administrator, faculty, and staff of Green Country Technology Center may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user's privileges.
3. Netiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 1. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
 2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 3. Do not reveal your personal address, phone number, social security number, or credit card numbers, or those of fellow students or school personnel.

4. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do not have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. **USE OF CHAT ROOMS ARE PROHIBITED.**
 5. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 6. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
 7. Visiting blog sites such as Facebook or Myspace are prohibited during class time. The only blog site allowed is blogger.com for class room use only.
4. Warranties - Green Country Technology Center makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Green Country Technology Center will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, none deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Green Country Technology Center is at your own risk. Green Country Technology Center specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its service.
 5. Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another user's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-in to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
 6. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses.
 7. Exception of Terms and Conditions - All terms and conditions as stated in the document are applicable to Green Country Technology Center, in addition to the NSFNET. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the United States of America.

Software Usage and Copyright Agreement

Licensed software or music simply means that it is illegal to copy the program(s) or music onto a CD/DVD/jumpdrive or other storage media. In the case of software, the school has signed an agreement that the software will not be copied. This means that the school is legally liable to the software producer if the software is copied. Copyright law also prohibits the reproduction of music cd's.

In order to provide the student with computer training, the student and parent/guardian are requested to agree to the following rules:

Student cd's or DVD's are to be used for saving work done by the student, not to download music or software.

All software programs are licensed and shall never be copied by the student.

For a better teacher control of school software, the student shall never bring any licensed software to school.

In the event the instructor suspects copied software or music the instructor will have permission to erase or confiscate the diskette or cd.

In the event of suspected copied software or cd's the teacher will issue a due process form, and the student will be subject to relinquishment of computer privileges and/or other reprimands up to and including dismissal from the program.

I understand and will abide by the above Terms and Conditions for the use of the Internet and the classroom Software Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (If you are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this document.)

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions of Internet access and classroom Software Policy. I understand that that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and Green Country Technology Center has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Green Country Technology Center to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of the network is not in a school setting. I hereby give Green Country Technology Center permission to issue Internet access to my child and agree to the classroom Software Copyright guidelines.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____