



## **Tri-County Special Education Joint Agreement Jackson, Perry & Union Counties**

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# **Tri-County Special Education Acceptable Use Policy**

Tri-County Special Education is providing access to the Internet for educational and professional development use. Access to Tri-County Special Education resources come in different forms; the most common is the issuance of an E-mail account to K-12 staff and high speed Internet access to both staff and students. These resources are to be viewed as a privilege; the usage must be in support of educational research and development and be consistent with Tri-County Special Education's mission. Inappropriate use of an E-mail account or Internet access will result in termination of privileges. Tri-County Special Education will take preventive measures by means of content filters and user restrictions to block inappropriate content from being displayed intentionally or unintentionally from user's access.

- Ultimate responsibility for actions that do or do not conform to this policy is with the individual to whom an account has been assigned. Under no circumstances should a user share his or her password with another user. Users found to be sharing accounts will have all accounts suspended until an investigation is conducted to determine if any legality issues or concerns have been raised.
- Users are expected to respect all copyright issues regarding software, information and attributions to authorship. The unauthorized copying or transfer of copyrighted materials will result in the termination of the user's account. Privately bought, shareware, and freeware programs must be cleared through the Tri-County Special Education technology office before being loaded onto a Tri-County Special Education owned computer. Furthermore, Tri-County Special Education classrooms and computer located within other supported districts must receive authorization to load above mentioned programs through the local technology office.
- Use of a Tri-County Special Education account for any illegal activities is prohibited. Illegal activities include but are not limited to tampering with computer hardware or software, unauthorized entry into computers, or destruction of computer files.
- All users are to respect the privacy of other users. Users should not intentionally seek information or passwords belonging to another user, nor should they represent themselves as another user. Additionally, users should not obtain copies of or modify files, and other data owned by others users without permission. Unsolicited communication, including uninvited talk sessions or broadcast messages including E-mail is discouraged and, in some cases, prohibited.
- The origination or transmission of files of a defamatory, derogatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or inaccurate nature will not be tolerated.

**Please keep this copy for reference.**

**AGREEMENT**

I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that the Tri-County Special Education and or Local District agents may access and monitor my use of Internet resources, including E-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary actions and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using Tri-County Special Education or local district's Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release Tri-County Special Education and its Board members along with Local School Districts and Board members, employees, and agents from any claims of damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the Internet.

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Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

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User Signature

(Required if the user is a student :)

I have read, understood and, accepted the Acceptable Use Policy provided to me by Tri-County Special Education. I understate that access is designed for educational purposes and that Tri-County Special Education has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Tri-County Special Education to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. Tri-County Special Education, its employees, agents, or Board Members, will not be held responsible for unauthorized materials or software obtained via the network. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to Tri-County Special Education's Internet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

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Parent/Guardian (s) Name(s) (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian(s) Signature(s)

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Student Signature