

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Acceptable Online/Network Behavior

Use of computers provides great educational benefits to students. Unfortunately, however, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the Internet and networked computer program is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate responsible manner. Mingus' computer network is used for education purposes protected by the First Amendment. Student and staff work posted are protected by copyright. We require that students and parents or guardians read, accept, and sign the following rules for acceptable online/network behavior in all school areas.

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on the Internet and Mingus network just as they are in school. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.
2. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files will always be private. Students should realize that teachers/staff may look at any computer screen or printout, since all work should be educational and follow Mingus school rules.
3. The internet is filtered through the services of "Websense", but no filter works perfectly 100% of the time or is 100% "unhackable".
4. The following are **NOT** permitted:
 - Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - Using obscene language
 - Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
 - Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
 - Violating copyright laws
 - Using another's password
 - Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
 - Intentionally wasting limited resources, including through the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcasted to mailing lists or individuals
 - Employing the network for commercial purposes without prior authorization
 - Unauthorized use of chat rooms
 - Printing out any web pages that contain obscene language, obscene pictures, or banned items (according to Mingus Student Handbook).
5. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.
6. Students are expected to follow individual teacher policies.

I have read the rules for acceptable online/network behavior, understand the rules, and agree to comply with the above stated rules. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I may lose computer privileges at Mingus or be involved in other disciplinary action.

Student Signature

I.D. #

Student Printed Name

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for the above student to access networked computer services such as instructional programs, electronic mail, and the Internet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on Internet use both inside and outside of the school setting, and for conveying standards for the above student to follow when selected, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name