

**SouthwestNet
Operated by the
Berrien RESA**

Acceptable Use Rules

All users of SouthwestNet who apply for an account agree to abide by the following rules.

- Use of the Network is intended to be in support of education and research.
- Any use of the Network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited. **Violation of this rule will result in termination of the account.**
- Users have access to the Internet to facilitate diversity and personal growth in technology, information gathering skills, and communication skills.
- The username and password assigned to the user are not to be shared or used by anyone other than the registered user. **Violation of this rule will result in termination of the account.** Access to the Internet is a privilege. All users will be considerate to other users.
- Users can use the following methods for accessing information: Electronic Mail (e-mail, Telnet, File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and the World Wide Web (WWW).
- E-mail must be monitored on a regular basis (at least once per week) and deleted from the personal mail directory to avoid excessive use of the fileserver hard disk system.
- Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other anti-social behaviors are prohibited on the Network.
- Each user is responsible for all material sent and received under their account. DO NOT give your password to anyone. It is not a good idea to transmit any personal information over the Internet. For example, your address, phone number, school address, etc. **Students**, never arrange to meet in person anyone you contact over the Internet without your parent's permission.
- Users will not engage in any illegal activity over the Network.
- Users will accept the responsibility of keeping copyrighted information of any kind from entering the Internet or the network.
- Users may not use any means to access pornographic materials, indecent materials or inappropriate information. It is the parents' responsibility to insure that this material is not accessed.
- It is the user's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the electronic mail system. The user has the responsibility to report all violations of privacy to SouthwestNet. SouthwestNet is intended for educational purposes only. As a monitored telecommunications network, no stated or implied guarantee is made regarding the privacy of electronic mail or any other telecommunication transmitted or received over this network. The user is responsible for making sure all e-mail sent or received by him/her does not contain pornographic material, indecent material, copyrighted material, inappropriate information, or any other information which may be potentially threatening or dangerous to others on the network.
- The Berrien RESA makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied for the use of its educational technology, including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays, nondelivery, or any service interruption. Furthermore, the Berrien RESA is not responsible for any damages to a user's hardware or software incurred from downloading a computer virus or from any other use of SouthwestNet.
- Improper use of SouthwestNet and Berrien RESA technology resources, including but not limited to Internet use, may also give rise to further disciplinary action consistent with school district policy and/or the applicable student code.
- A user's privilege to access education technology resources may be restricted, suspended or revoked for violation of the Acceptable Use Agreement. Access may be inhibited by certain actions including but not limited to routine maintenance, device availability daily schedules, course requirements, safety concerns and assignments or reassignments.
- Users are responsible for attending appropriate training sessions in the use and care of education technology and should refrain from using technology for which they have not received training.
- Users who violate any of the rules will have their account privileges terminated.

