Moorestown Township Public Schools
MooreNet Acceptable Use - Students

Moorestown Township Public Schools (MTPS) is pleased to offer MTPS students access to the district computer network and its associated Internet resources (MooreNet). To obtain a MooreNet account and use these resources, students must obtain parent/guardian permission and sign the *MooreNet Acceptable Use Agreement/Permission Form.* Parents/guardians please read this document carefully, review its contents with your child, and sign and date the attached *MooreNet Acceptable Use Agreement/Permission Form* as appropriate. Any questions or concerns regarding student access to MooreNet should be referred to your school's Library/Media Specialist. The complete version of the MTPS School Board policy (Policy 2361 - Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources) and a copy of this document are available on the Moorestown Township Public Schools web site, www.mtps.com.

General Network Use
MooreNet consists of the computers, networks, and software systems that facilitate access to local and Internet resources. MooreNet also includes MTPS-administered "cloud-based" Internet services such as MTPS's Google Workspace. MooreNet is provided for students to conduct research, complete assignments, store information, and communicate with others. Access to MooreNet is given to students who agree to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner. Access is a privilege not a right. As such, general school rules for behavior and communications apply and users must comply with district standards. Data storage systems will be treated like school lockers; users should not expect that data stored on MTPS-provided systems will be private.

Responsibilities Regarding MooreNet
Moorestown Township Public Schools will provide access to, and integrate a thoughtful use of, MooreNet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction in the appropriate use of such materials in a learning community. Access to the Internet (and at certain grade levels, e-mail) will enable students to use thousands of libraries and databases. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored, but may be restricted if the learning environment is disturbed by a student's speech.

In general, electronic traffic passes freely in a trusting atmosphere with a minimum of constraints. However, families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering systems are used, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. Ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the general standards that their children should follow when using technology-based resources.

Google Workspace Service
MTPS uses a "Google Workspace for Education" service that includes student email, collaborative documents, and other functionality. An email address/ username may be assigned to the student and used for the purpose of collaboration and communication between students and between students and staff. It may also allow restricted communication with entities outside MTPS by grade level. MTPS will utilize services and practices to filter and manage email and web content security, although no system is infallible. Use of MTPS's Google system falls under the terms of MTPS Policy, this Acceptable Use agreement, and Google's rules for use of their systems.

Other Online Services
MTPS students utilize other online services for accessing educational content which may include, but is not limited to: Gynzy, Socrative, Edmodo, GoGuardian, GimKit, and others. For a more complete listing: MTPS Approved Software/Services List. Students agree to abide by the terms of service of those systems, and by signing this agreement, parents authorize their child to use those services.

Rights and Privileges
Moorenet services are provided for educationally-related communication, research and other activities.

- Students and parents/guardians will sign the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Accounts will be issued, including a personal username and password. Keeping their password secret is the responsibility of the student.
- Each student granted access may be assigned storage space within the MooreNet systems which will be treated like school lockers. Network security is designed to allow access to these storage spaces only by the assigned user; however, authorized MTPS staff members may review files, communications, history, websites accessed, etc. at any time.
- Students should not expect that their files stored on district-provided resources will be private.

UNACCEPTABLE Uses of MooreNet
The MooreNet account holder is held responsible for his/her actions and activity within his/her account. Unacceptable uses of MooreNet include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks; vandalizing, damaging or disabling the property of another person or organization; debilitating or disabling computers, systems or networks through the intentional misuse or overuse of electronic distribution or storage space, or the spreading of computer "viruses" through the inappropriate use of files or storage devices.
- Attempting to get around or disable the security features of MTPS's systems.
- Accessing, uploading, downloading, transmitting, displaying or distributing obscene, abusive, or sexually explicit material;
- Storing and/or installing any software programs not owned by, not licensed to, or not approved by MTPS on any MooreNet resource. This includes "freeware" or "shareware" programs as well as commercial software. Software created by students as part of class-related computer programming activities may be an exception to this item.
- Violating copyright or otherwise using another person's intellectual property without his or her prior approval or proper citation.
- Gaining or seeking unauthorized access to another person's or entity's accounts, resources, folders, work or files.
- Forging electronic messages, posting anonymous messages and/or posting messages that are harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Giving out personal information about themselves or others, including but not limited to: full name, phone number, address or identifiable photo.
- Employing Moorenet for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud.
- Violating local, state or federal statute.

Sanctions / Consequences
Disciplinary action related to Moorenet use may be determined at the district, school, and/or classroom level in accordance with existing practice regarding inappropriate behavior, as stated in policies and guidelines contained in the pertinent building student handbook.

- Violations of the school and/or MooreNet acceptable use policies may result in restricted access, or a loss of access, to electronic resources.
- Additional sanctions for inappropriate actions shall be governed by existing practice and board policy, and may include, but not be limited to, damages and reimbursement for system and program repair/replacement.
- When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Disclaimers
Moorestown Township Public Schools makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the access being provided.

- The staff, the school and MTPS are not responsible for any damages incurred, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or interruption of service, for the loss of data stored on MooreNet resources, or for personal property used to access MooreNet resources.
- MTPS will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on MooreNet resources or accessed through district-provided resources.
- MTPS will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from use of district-provided access.
- Even though MTPS may use technical or manual means to regulate access and information, these methods do not provide a foolproof means for enforcing the provisions of this agreement or Board policy.

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Academic Year: 2023-2024

Parent / Guardian Instructions

Please read and/or discuss the *MooreNet Acceptable Use Agreement / Permission Form* with your child. In accepting an account, your child accepts the responsibility of using the systems in a responsible and appropriate manner. It is important that you understand his/her responsibilities as well. You indication that you have read and agreed to the guidelines is necessary before an account will be issued.

Student Agreement

I have read, or have had read to me, and/or have discussed the Summary of the MooreNet Acceptable Use Policy and the MooreNet Acceptable Use Agreement/Permission Form and agree to use the systems in an appropriate and responsible manner.

Students (grades 6-12), Access Genesis to accept this Agreement

Parent / Guardian Permission

I have read and/or discussed the MooreNet Acceptable Use Agreement/Permission Form with my student and give the school and MTPS permission to issue system accounts to my child.

Parent/Guardians, Access Genesis to accept this Agreement