

PAWNEE PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET AND COMPUTER USAGE POLICY

The purpose of the INTERNET is to facilitate communications in support of research and education, by providing access to unique resources and an opportunity for collaborative work. To remain eligible as a user, the usage must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the Pawnee Public Library.

Users may encounter material which is controversial and which users or parents may consider inappropriate or offensive. The Pawnee Public Library recognizes that it is the parents' or guardians' responsibility to supervise their child's (or children's) internet session and to let their children know if there are materials that they are not allowed to access. We encourage parents to discuss the dissemination of personal identification information on the Internet, plus the safety and security of social media venues. However, on a global network it is impossible to control effectively the content of data and an industrious user may discover controversial material. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material.

A minor must have parental permission on file, signed by the parent or guardian, before the child can access the INTERNET. Proof of guardianship must be furnished if requested.

In compliance with the Children's' Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Federal regulations require filtering the internet to prevent children from being exposed to online pornography and other explicit online content. This filtering is currently begin provided by Sonicwall.

The following will NOT be permitted by the Pawnee Public Library:

- Use of the INTERNET for illegal purposes
- Sending, receiving or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using or transmitting obscene, sexually explicit language or threatening material
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another person's password
- Trespassing in another person's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the INTERNET for commercial purposes
- Accessing unapproved material and services
- Political lobbying
- Unauthorized access to computer restricted files or network
- Installation, downloading or modifying software
- Accessing inappropriate or illegal sites as determined by local, state or federal laws

Users will not access sites with material deemed "harmful to minors" (Oklahoma State Statues 21 O. S. Supp. 2000, 1040, 75-7)

First violation of any of the above will result in suspension of the user's Internet privileges for up to six (6) months. Second or subsequent violations can result in permanent termination of the user's Internet

privileges. In addition to the above, suspected criminal violations will be referred to law enforcement authorities for appropriate action.

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