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The Winthrop Public Schools technology program recognizes the use of the Internet as a valuable research tool. Before using this tool, students need to understand how to use it in an acceptable manner.

- The primary use of the Internet is for educational purposes.
- Being able to use the Internet is a privilege, and your teachers and principal are the decision makers when it comes to whether you use it. If your behavior on the Internet is not appropriate, you may be suspended from its use.
- All Winthrop Public Schools have a filter installed on the server to prevent students from entering inappropriate sites (obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors) however, this software is not foolproof. Take responsibility for your own actions. If you find yourself at an inappropriate web site, you must minimize the browser window and notify the teacher immediately. Do not download, copy or tell any other students the location of any inappropriate material you may happen to find.
- You may not copy material and say that you wrote it yourself. Remember if you didn't write it you must identify where you found it.
- Any damage to the computers, how they are set up, or files that belong to others, will result in the loss of your privilege to use the Internet, and perhaps the computers themselves.
- You may not give <u>anyone</u> your password. Don't let anyone use your computer account for Internet activity unless you are working with them.
- You may not go to chat rooms or use email.
  - Students at WMS can use school email.

The above are examples of inappropriate use. Since there can never be an all-inclusive list, we fully expect that students do only those things necessary to complete their assignments. If a student is in doubt about something they want to do, they must first ask a teacher. Violations of this agreement also subject the student to additional school discipline as determined by the principal.

The Winthrop Public School System, along with the other organizations sponsoring this Internet link-up, will not be liable for the actions of anyone connecting to the Internet through this hook-up. In addition, the Winthrop Public School System takes no responsibility for any information or materials that are transferred through the Internet. Winthrop Public Schools makes no guarantee of reliability of the Internet connection, nor is it responsible for any loss or corruption of data while using this Internet connection. Winthrop Public Schools shall monitor the use of the Internet and data stored in the machines to be sure that these rules are not being broken. Winthrop Public Schools can change these rules without immediate notice.