

OME-RESA INTERNET POLICY AND AGREEMENT

Internet access is provided to students and educators solely for the purpose of aiding education and research through the enhancement of information gathering and exchange and promoting growth in communications technology.

Use of the OME-RESA computer network is a privilege that may be revoked by OME-RESA and district network administrators at any time for abusive conduct or violation of the conditions of this agreement. In exchange for use of the OME-RESA computer network, the district understands and agrees to the following:

1. OME-RESA will provide the opportunity for network and Internet access for students and educators at OME-RESA school districts. As per state computer security regulations, district personnel should complete an account form approved by appropriate district personnel prior to obtaining Internet access.
2. OME-RESA does not warrant that Internet systems and network functions will meet any specific requirements of school districts nor will they be error free or uninterrupted. In addition, OME-RESA shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or profits) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use or access the Internet or network. OME-RESA and its employees shall not be liable for any damage incurred due to harmful programs (including computer viruses), which on rare occasions, may propagate through computer networks such as the OME-RESA computer network and Internet. OME-RESA reserves the right to recover any costs incurred from damages to OME-RESA systems or network from virus or other Internet-related issues. Furthermore, districts hereby release OME-RESA and all employees from any and all claims of any nature arising from misuse or inability to use the OME-RESA computer network.
3. All forms of electronic communication (ie email, messaging) are not guaranteed to be private. Network administrators may access email and other forms of communication at any time. In addition, email software may misdirect messages. These considerations should be kept in mind when corresponding with others.
4. OME-RESA Internet accounts are for the exclusive use of owners. Network users (account owners) are responsible for the use of their passwords and accounts. Network users may not misrepresent themselves by using the network under the guise, password, or name of another account owner. In addition, network users are discouraged from allowing any other persons to use their accounts. Network users shall not violate anyone else's right to privacy or reveal another person's name, personal address, phone number, or place of employment. Any problems arising from misuse of a user's account are the responsibility of the user. Misuse may result in the suspension of Internet access.

5. Network users shall not violate any federal, state, local criminal or civil laws. Network users shall not load, install, or disseminate copyrighted material or illegally copied software onto or through the network. (Public domain and “shareware” software and materials may be uploaded.)
6. All information services and features contained on OME-RESA and districts’ systems and/or networks are intended for the private use of network account owners. Network users shall not engage in any commercial “for profit” activity, advertising, political “lobbying,” extensive personal business, or other unauthorized use of the network.
7. Network users shall conduct themselves according to accepted network etiquette and refrain from any discriminatory or antisocial behavior. Each district is responsible for developing its own policy, defining what constitutes obscene, vulgar, threatening, abusive, defamatory, or otherwise objectionable behavior, and determining appropriate disciplinary action for policy violations.

Although care has been taken to restrict access to Internet sites that might contain objectionable materials, it is impossible to guarantee that users will never be able to access those sites.
8. Network users shall not infiltrate any sub-networks connected to the Internet, disrupt use of the Internet or sub-networks, nor abuse, modify, or destroy any hardware or software used in accessing the Internet or any sub-network.
9. The Internet provides access to information and people representing many different countries, cultures, views and lifestyles. Students using the Internet in the classroom shall be closely supervised by teachers. Parents shall be responsible for supervision of students using OME-RESA computer network accounts from anywhere outside classrooms.
10. The OME-RESA systems and computer network are shared resources with finite capacities; therefore, Network users shall be considerate when transferring or storing large files. Network users shall not intentionally engage in any activity that seriously degrades system or network performance. Any activity determined by network administrators to be disruptive may result in appropriate disciplinary action.
11. OME-RESA retains the right to monitor network activity and review any material stored in files generally accessible to others. OME-RESA may edit or remove any material violating standards and/or policies. OME-RESA and/or the district may terminate network accounts of any person for noncompliance.

12. Remote access to the OME-RESA computer network, or the Internet, or district networks will be the responsibility of districts. Upon request from district administration, OME-RESA will provide secure VPN access.