

Fairmont Public Library Internet Policy
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It is the policy of the Fairmont Public Library, that Internet access is provided equally to all library patrons. All fines and books should be in good standing order. **Patron and a parent must be present when signing this policy form for anyone under the age of 18. A new agreement is to be signed yearly (In October when library Cards are renewed)** Parents of guardians are responsible for the Internet information selected and or accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet Sessions. Parents and the Librarian may restrict users from access to the Internet, if the guidelines are not followed.

1. **THE INTERNET IS NOT FILTERED, THE LIBRARY DOES NOT MONITOR AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE INFORMATION ACCESSED THROUGH THE INTERNET AND CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CONTENT.**
2. The library Staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet Computer Jargon and use. We may, however, be able to offer searching suggestions and answer questions. Remember that many times you will find the specific information you need right here, in our books, periodicals and Databases.
3. The Internet system is to be used for education purposes first. This means it may be used to supplement library materials, to do research for class projects, and explore new educational resources. **Chat groups are DISCOURAGED.**
4. You are prohibited from using the Internet System in any manner, which violates Federal, State or Local Policies.
5. You may not place copyrighted material on the Internet unless permission is obtained from the author. Public Domain materials may be placed on the system as necessary for education purposes. Both Copyrighted material and material in which the author has retained no rights may be downloaded for your educational use. In no case may the Internet be used for commercial uses. This includes advertising materials or use of the Internet to buy, sell or trade any material.
6. Use of the Internet is on first come, first served basis. Those using the Internet access computer will be limited to 30 minutes of time per session, unless no one is waiting. Homework comes before games, email, etc.
7. You cannot send or receive email messages unless you have your own email accounts.
8. Files can only be saved to a disk. Diskettes are available for a minimal charge Disks or flash drives from home cannot be used unless checked by the librarian first. Although we use a virus program on our computers, this will not completely protect you from the chance of getting a virus. Software downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus. The Fairmont Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's disk or computer or for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the library's computers.
9. We provide 3 free printouts per visit, after that the cost will be 15 cents per sheet.
10. The librarian can revoke the privilege of any user who misuses the Internet.

I have read the above policy, and will follow the above guidelines:

Student Signature

Librarians Signature

Parent Signature

Date: