

# Meadow Montessori School

## Rules and Code of Ethics for Computer Users

- As a computer user I agree to follow the rules and code of ethics in all of my work with computers while attending Meadow Montessori School.

I recognize that all computer users have the same right to use the equipment; therefore,

I will not play games or use the computer resources for other non-academic activities when others require the system for academic purposes.

I will not waste or take supplies, such as paper, printer ribbons and diskettes, that are provided by Meadow Montessori School; and when I am using a computer, I will speak softly and work in ways that will not disturb other users.

- I recognize that software is protected by copyright laws; therefore, I will not make unauthorized copies of software found on school computers, either by copying them onto my own diskettes or onto other computers through electronic mail or bulletin boards; and I will not give, lend, or sell copies of software to other unless I have the written permission of the copyright owner or the original software is clearly identified as shareware or in the public domain.
- I recognize also that the work of all users is valuable; therefore, I will protect the privacy of others by not trying to learn their passwords; I will not copy, change, read, or use files in another user's area without that user's prior permission. I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment. I will not use computer systems to disturb or harass other computer users by sending unwanted mail or by other means. And I will not download information onto the hard drive of any Meadow Montessori School computer for permanent storage. I will download information onto diskettes if planning to store the information for more than one week.
- With access to computers and people all over the world, also comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Meadow Montessori School employs no filtering devices that restrict access to controversial materials. We understand that on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.  
  
I will accept the standards established by my community and will not access any information that is deemed inappropriate or offensive. I understand the Internet is to be used as a research tool in order to enhance my education.
- Violations of the rules and code of ethics described above will be dealt with seriously. Violators will lose computer privileges.

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We have read and discussed the Rules and Code of Ethics for Computer Users at Meadow Montessori School.

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*Student's Signature*

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*Date*

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***Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature***

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***Date***