



MOE Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy

We have been limited in our efforts to get schools connected to the MOE and to the outside world by the lack of affordable and adequate services. After several years, it is now apparent that we should work with what we have now since we do not really know if and when better service will be available.

Therefore, we have decided to install a remote access server that will allow remote schools to dial in to the MOE to network with other schools, MOE programs, and other sites. This is not the solution we wanted but it does create a usable network. We are testing other approaches, particularly wireless and ISDN, to see if they can give better service.

This network will be a resource to be used for increasing our productivity and effectiveness and for improving student learning. With this in mind, we are disseminating the attached Network Acceptable Use Policy document for everyone's perusal.

The NAUP clarifies, in general terms, the purpose of and proper use of the network.

This will be our first venture into this type of operation and we will continue to review and revise this document if necessary. In the meantime, the network will be monitored periodically, just like any other MOE resource, to ensure proper and efficient use.

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Second, the resource needs to be used for the MOE's intended purpose. Therefore, non-job related activities such as entertainment, personal transactions, and communications should not be carried on this resource.

Third, the resource provides a representation of the MOE to outside audiences. Therefore, communication and publications on the resource should reflect MOE's vision, mission, policies, and objectives.

Fourth, the resource provides a conduit for dissemination of information. Therefore, care should be taken to ensure that information that is disseminated follow MOE's policies for release of information.

Fifth, the resource is also an expense to the MOE. Therefore, use of resource for non-job related purposes is prohibited as it is not cost effective.

Finally, issues such as copyright, harassment, libel, intellectual content rights, etc., also exist within the medium. Therefore, care should be taken to ensure that the resource is utilized within legal parameters.

This policy shall be effective on December 1, 2002, and must be followed by all MOE employees, students, and others using MOE internet access.

This policy will continue to be reviewed and revised, if necessary.

signed by: Mario Katosang 11/17/02