

ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY

COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers containing millions of pages of information and many diverse points of view. Because of its global nature, users of the Internet may encounter material that is inappropriate, offensive and in many instances illegal. The Ector County Library cannot control the availability of this information or restrict access to it. Library users are notified that they are responsible for the material they review. The Library expects patrons to use computers in a responsible and ethical manner and to adhere to this Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Children ages 12 through 17 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the Internet Access for Minors Statement in the presence of a staff member, and those under 12 must have a parent or legal guardian present when using the computers.

Children under 6 CAN NOT use computers without parent assistance.

Access is limited to current cardholders. Library cards can be obtained at the circulation desk. All users must stop at the counter in the Computer Lab on 1st floor before they begin. There is a limit of 2 patrons per Computer, except a parent can supervise up to 2 children at one computer. If both patrons are younger than 18 both must have Internet Access for Minors permission. Users will be limited to 1 hour if others are waiting; otherwise use is unlimited. User with longest time on computer will be given a 5-minute notice to end session if there is a patron waiting. After session has expired patrons must wait at least one hour before returning to lab. **Failure to use computer stations appropriately and responsibly or breaking lab rules will result in loss of Internet privileges and/or Library privileges.**

*Users with special needs may make an appointment by telephone for extra assistance when scheduling permits.

- Policy is subject to change without notice.