

Contributing Adults *Acceptable Use Policy* Writers At Work (WAW) Sites

The primary purpose of Writers At Work and its sister electronic communications sites, herein called WAW*, is to support and enhance writing, learning, and teaching that prepares users for successful learning experiences in preparation for 21st Century communications. Providing access to WAW is an investment in the future. WAW supports the core beliefs of positive teaching and learning:

- Do what's best for students.
- Continue to learn and grow.
- Respect and care about each other.

Electronic communication is a tool for life-long learning, and access to WAW is one of the resources that promotes educational and organizational excellence. Responsible use of WAW will allow users to significantly expand their knowledge by accessing and using information resources, and by analyzing, collaborating and publishing information.

WAW users should use WAW in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with local, state, or federal law. The use of WAW is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate behavior. Users assume responsibility for understanding the policy and guidelines as a condition of using WAW. Use of WAW that is inconsistent with this policy may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

The following uses of WAW are unacceptable and may result in suspension or revocation of network privileges. Unacceptable use is defined to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- * Transmission of any material in violation of any local, state, or federal law. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- * The use of profanity, obscenity or other language that may be offensive to another user.
- * Any form of vandalism, including but not limited to, damaging computers, computer systems, or networks, and/or disrupting the operation of the network.
- * Copying and/or downloading commercial software or other material (e.g. music) in violation of federal copyright laws.
- * Use of the network for financial gain, commercial activity, or illegal activity, e.g. hacking.
- * Use of the network for political activity.
- * Use of the network to access or promote pornographic or obscene material.
- * Creating and/or placing a computer virus on the network.
- * Accessing another person's individual account without prior consent or accessing a restricted account without the prior consent of the responsible administrator or user.

Disclaimer : I designed these sites as a resource for myself, my students and their families as well as for other students or teachers. Our class educational network provides us the opportunity to practice and plan for entering the online world as 21st Century citizens. The information here has been created by myself, other educators, and others, with credit provided as needed. Since there are some general guidelines (see above) for being able to add to student sites, we know that following the guidelines will enhance our learning process. Remember to contact any technology specialist to help you with any problems or concerns regarding your computer as I have no control over settings or other changes if you download to your computer.

Additional Information: If any inappropriate content is found on this site, it will be removed. Please notify me of any such content. Users not following the guidelines will lose participation privileges. Ms. Edwards ms_edwards@mac.com

eMail agreement to: ms_edwards@mac.com Write "I agree" in subject line, and print out AUP, sign, date, and return to Ms. Edwards.

*Note: Writers At Work and sister sites: <http://whatelse.pbwiki.com> <http://eagleswrite.pbwiki.com>
<http://coyotetalks.pbwiki.com> <http://eaglesread.pbwiki.com>
<http://8write.pbwiki.com> <http://7write.pbwiki.com>
<http://6write.pbwiki.com> <http://5write.pbwiki.com>
<http://writer.pbwiki.com> <http://www.sunrae.org>

Other sister sites may be added; this list may not be complete, and should not be construed as such. Please check with administrator for questions. ms_edwards@mac.com

Signature:

Date:

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