

Internet Use Policy

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6. I affirm that, if I am under the age of 18 years, I have signed permission from my parents or guardian to use OPLIN terminals, and I agree that I will adhere to my family's values and wishes in accessing, viewing and printing material from the Internet.