

Hermon School Department

Hermon.net Community Freenet Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose

The Hermon.net freenet exists to provide the residents of Hermon, Maine, with free internet access. In order to ensure equal and balanced access opportunity to the whole community, however, users of the freenet must agree to the fundamental responsibilities and restrictions of use described in this document, validating their consent with a dated signature.

Privilege

Clients must agree that access to the Hermon.net freenet is a privilege, not a right. The system administration behind the freenet holds the right to limit or discontinue client services at any time, in any way, and for any reason. Access restrictions may take the form of time limits, service interruptions, or account cancellations. Hermon.net will inform customers about planned service and policy changes via electronic mail and its website.

Liability

As the Hermon.net freenet provides unrestricted access to the entire Internet, a network of innumerable machines and people with every purpose imaginable, its clients must be aware that it is not Responsible for any content, be it illuminating, offensive, helpful or dangerous, that they may encounter. Similarly, while the Net also serves as a vast resource for obtaining computer software, clients must take upon themselves the responsibility of virus protection. Information regarding safe Internet use may be had through one of Hermon.net's adult education classes.

Commercial Use

Hermon.net leaves its clients to use their Net access how they will but for one important restriction: use of one's freenet account for promoting commerce goes against the purpose of a free access point for community residents and is therefore prohibited. Hermon.net does offer separate services for business use.

Security

Clients must take the secrecy of their passwords very seriously and should never let others outside of their households use their accounts. Hermon.net acts upon AUP violations committee with a particular account without discretion of the person who happened to be using it at the time.

It remains the client's responsibility to know about the relationship between state and federal laws and the use of electronic networks. While some types of electronic crime, such as security cracking, are obvious by their nature; others such as copyright thefts are less so. Hermon.net assumes no responsibility nor protective role for its clients' actions and reserves the right to notify law enforcement should it find evidence of a legal compromise made via freenet access.

Agreement

By signing below, you agree to be bound by all rules and regulations stated in this document and that Hermon .net reserves the right to discontinue your access should it feel that you have been compromised via your account.

Signature: _____
Date: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____