Creating an Acceptable Use Policy Based in Jewish Values

What is an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)?
An AUP is a document provided by the school that stipulates acceptable and unacceptable online behavior and device usage by students when using the Internet and Internet-related resources and tools for school work. The policy outlines what happens if unacceptable behavior occurs and is usually signed by both parents and students.

Why Does My School Need an AUP?
An AUP is an opportunity to state expectations and consequences related to online behavior and device usage. An AUP signed by parents and students is written acknowledgment of the powerful resources at hand and of the necessity to use them responsibly.

Developing an AUP with students and/or as a community offers the opportunity to connect Jewish values to everyday life. There are numerous Jewish values and texts that guide how we treat each other and how we interact. These can be incorporated into an AUP to connect Jewish values with the behavior we exhibit when using the tools of the Internet. Use the values and quote in the accompanying text sheet to stimulate discussion on how Jewish values can guide behavior on the Internet and choices with technology. Use the fruits of the discussion as a basis for the components of your school community's AUP.

Learn More About AUPs

Getting Started on the Internet: Developing an Acceptable Use Policy

Common Sense Media on Acceptable Use Policies

Visit https://ravsak.org then type *Ethics in Technology: A Challenge for Jewish Day Schools* into the search bar for an interesting article that applies to day schools and other Jewish educational institutions.

Sample AUPs

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL
http://meyeracademy.org/page.aspx?pid=278

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