

Student Internet Use Policy and Agreement

This document sets forth the rights and responsibilities for students under the district's Internet Safe and Responsible Use Policy.

A. EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

1. The district Internet system has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term *educational purpose* includes classroom activities, continuing education, professional or career development, and high-quality, educationally enriching personal research.
2. The district Internet system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The district has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system. You are also expected to follow the rules set forth in this policy, the student disciplinary code, and the law in your use of the district Internet system. The student disciplinary code will govern any violations of this policy.
3. You may not use the district Internet system for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the district Internet system.

B. ACCESS TO ONLINE MATERIALS

1. The material you access through the district's Internet system should be for class assignments or for personal research on subjects similar to what you might study in a class or in the school library. Use for entertainment purposes is not allowed.

2. You will not use the district Internet system to access the following: material that is obscene; child pornography; material that depicts, or describes in an offensive way, violence, nudity, sex, death, or bodily functions; material that has been designated as for adults only; material that promotes or advocates illegal activities; material that promotes the use of alcohol or tobacco, school cheating, or weapons; or material that advocates participation in hate groups or other potentially dangerous groups.
3. If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately report this access in the manner specified by your school. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy.
4. The district has installed filtering software to protect against access to inappropriate material.
 - a. If you feel that the filtering software is blocking your access to an appropriate site, report this to a school librarian, computer lab coordinator, principal, or teacher. You may also submit an anonymous request to have the site unblocked.
 - b. You will not seek to bypass the filtering software by using a proxy site or some other technology.

C. PRIVACY AND COMMUNICATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. “Personal contact information” includes your full name, together with other information that would allow an individual to locate you, including your family name, your home address or location, your work address or location, or your phone number.
2. If you are an elementary or middle school student, you will not disclose your full name or any other personal contact information online for any reason.
3. If you are a high school student, you may disclose personal contact information to educational institutions, companies or other entities for career development purposes, or with specific staff approval.
4. You will not disclose names, personal contact information, or any other private or personal information about other students. You will not forward a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message.

5. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school staff any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable. You should not delete such messages until instructed to do so by a staff member.

D. UNLAWFUL, UNAUTHORIZED, AND INAPPROPRIATE USES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Unlawful activities
 - a. You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the district Internet system or to any other computer system through the district Internet system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or to access another person's files.
 - b. You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the district Internet system or any other computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.
 - c. You will not use the district Internet system to engage in any other unlawful act, including arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, or threatening the safety of any person.
2. Inappropriate language
 - a. Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to all speech communicated through the district Internet system, including public messages, private messages, and material posted on Web pages.
 - b. You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.
 - c. You will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption to your school or any other organization or person.
 - d. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
 - e. You will not harass or bully another person.
 - f. You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

- g. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or another school employee any message you receive from any other student that is in violation of the restrictions on inappropriate language.
3. Plagiarism and copyright infringement
- a. You will not plagiarize works that you find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.
 - b. You will respect the rights of copyright owners in your use of materials found on, disseminated through, or posted to the Internet. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright.

E. SYSTEM SECURITY AND RESOURCE LIMITS

1. System security
- a. You are responsible for your individual account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use your account. Under no conditions should you provide your password to another person.
 - b. You will immediately notify a teacher or the system administrator if you have identified a possible security problem. However, do not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an unlawful attempt to gain access.
 - c. You will avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following the district virus protection procedures.
2. Resource limits
- a. You will use the system only for educational and career development activities and limited, high-quality personal research.
 - b. You will not download large files unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, you will download the file at a time when the system is not being heavily used and immediately remove the file from the system computer.
 - c. You will not misuse district, school, or personal distribution lists or discussion groups for sending irrelevant messages.

F. YOUR RIGHTS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Free speech

- a. Your right to free speech and access to information applies to your use of the Internet. The district may restrict access to materials for valid educational reasons. The district will not restrict your access to information and ideas based on a disagreement with the views expressed. The district may restrict your speech for valid educational reasons. The district will not restrict your speech on the basis of disagreement with the opinions you are expressing.

2. Copyright

- a. You own the copyright to works that you create in school or for a class assignment. If the work is created by a group, each student will share joint ownership of the copyright. You and your parent or guardian must agree before your work will be posted on the district Web site. Your work should be posted with your copyright notice.

3. Privacy

- a. You should expect only limited privacy in the contents of your personal files on the district Internet system and records of your online activity. All student use of the Internet will be supervised and monitored. The district's monitoring of Internet usage can reveal all activities you engage in using the district Internet system.
- b. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the district Internet system may lead to discovery that you have violated this policy, the student disciplinary code, or the law. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated this policy, the student disciplinary code, or the law. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.
- c. Your parents have the right to request to see the contents of your computer files at any time.

4. Due process

- a. The district will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any unlawful activities conducted through the district Internet system.

- b. In the event there is a claim that you have violated this policy or student disciplinary code in your use of the district Internet system, you will be provided with notice and opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in the student disciplinary code.
- c. If the violation also involves a violation of other provisions of the student disciplinary code, it will be handled in a manner described in the code. Additional restrictions may be placed on your use of your Internet.

G. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The district will not guarantee that the functions or services provided through the district Internet service will be without error. The district will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to loss of data, interruptions of service, or exposure to inappropriate material or people. The district will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. Your parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that may result from your intentional misuse of the system. You may use the system only if your parents have signed a disclaimer of claims for damages against the district.

Student Internet Account Agreement

Student Section

Student Name _____ Grade _____

School _____

I have read the district's Student Internet Use Policy. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules, my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Section

I have read the district's Student Internet Use Policy.

I hereby release the district, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the district system, including but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services or exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people. I understand that I can be held liable for damages caused by my child's intentional misuse of the system.

I will instruct my child regarding any restrictions against accessing material that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the district policy. I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

For Parents or Guardians of Elementary School Students

I hereby give do not give permission for my child to use the Internet. I understand that this permission includes permission for my child to access information through the Web, receive e-mail

communications through a class account, and engage in other educationally relevant electronic communication activities.

I hereby give do not give permission for the school to post the following information and material on the Internet: Students will use a limited student identification (first name and last initial or other school-developed identifier). Group pictures without identification of individual students are permitted. Student work may be posted with the limited student identification. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice using the limited student identification (for example, © 2007, jjwill, Student at Adams Elementary School).

For Parents or Guardians of Middle School Students

I hereby give do not give permission for my child to use the Internet. I understand that this permission includes permission for my child to access information through the Web, receive an individual e-mail account, and engage in other educationally related electronic communication activities.

I hereby give do not give permission for the school to post the following information and material on the Internet: Students will use a limited student identification (first name and last initial or other school-developed identifier). Group pictures without identification of individual students are permitted. Student work may be posted with the limited student identification. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice using the limited student identification (for example, © 2007, jjwill, Student at Adams Middle School).

For Parents or Guardians of High School Students

I hereby give do not give permission for my child to use the Internet. I understand that this permission includes permission for my child to access information through the Web, receive an individual e-mail account, engage in other educationally related electronic communication activities, and provide personal information to others for education or career development reasons or as approved by school staff.

I hereby give permission for the school to post the following information and material on the Internet:

Option 1: Students will use a limited student identification (first name and last initial or other school-developed identifier). Group

pictures without identification of individual students are permitted. Student work may be posted with the limited student identification. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice, using the limited student identification (for example, © 2007, jjwill, Student at Adams High School).

Option 2: Students may be identified by their full names. Group or individual pictures of students with student identification are permitted. Student work may be posted with student name. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice, including the student's name.

Option 3: No information or material may be posted.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Space Reserved for System Administrator

Assigned Username _____

Assigned Temporary Password _____

For students in elementary and middle school, the following standards apply to any material posted on a publicly accessible site: Students will use a username that will disguise their full name. Group pictures without identification of individual students are permitted. Student work may be posted with the limited student identification. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice, including the student's username.

For students in elementary and middle school using a password-protected site, parents may approve either the elementary/middle school publicly accessible sites standards or the following standards: Students may be identified by their full name. Group or individual pictures of students with student identification are permitted. Student work may be posted with student name. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice, including the student's name.

For students in high school on publicly accessible sites or password-protected sites, parents may approve either the elemen-

tary/middle school standards or the following standards: Students may be identified by their full name. Group or individual pictures of students with student identification are permitted. Student work may be posted with student name. All student-posted work will contain the student's copyright notice, including the student's name.