



## INTERNET AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

We are pleased to offer students of Assets School access to the school computer network, the Internet and a school e-mail address. To gain access, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the last page of this form. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and web sites while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits of Internet access for students as a resource of information and collaboration exceed any disadvantages. Assets provides a certain level of filtered Internet content to the school computers/laptops, iPads, and student-owned devices. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

### **School Network and Internet Rules**

Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer network and on any student-owned device, just as they are in a classroom or hallway. Communications across the network are often public in nature, and general school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right; and this access entails responsibility for its use. Students do have permission to bring their own devices to school (laptop, iPad, smartphone); however, all school rules apply to these devices just like any other school device. Students should check the rules for the use of these devices in the student handbook. Bringing personal electronic device is also a privilege; and if the rules are broken, students may not be allowed to bring the device to school.

Individual users of the Assets School computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over the network. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards. The school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Student folders on our network or cloud system may be treated like school lockers. Network and school administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on school servers will always be private. This information is not confidential and will be monitored periodically. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside school, families bear the same responsibility in regard to potentially offensive media such as television, telephones, movies and radio.



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The following are not permitted on the Assets School Network (through either a school device or student-owned device):

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language or referring to obscene acts
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Physically or electronically damaging computers, computer systems or networks
- Using another user's password to access privileged or personal files
- Trespassing in another user's folder, work or files
- Using a large amount of Internet bandwidth (i.e. viewing streaming media content, playing network games) without teacher or administrator consent
- Downloading illegal or illicit material, in electronic, print media, or musical format
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

**Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**



## USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Name of Student (**print**) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (for Fall) \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents: Please discuss this form with your child before signing and returning.**

### User Agreement:

As a user of the Assets School computer network, including e-mail accounts and access through personal devices, I hereby agree to comply with the stated purposes and rules by utilizing the network in a safe and reliable fashion and honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

I realize that noncompliance will result in my losing access to the Assets network services, including e-mail, and that any assignments affected by termination of services will necessitate using alternative means to complete them.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

### Authorization for Assets School Network, Internet Services and School E-Mail:

As a parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services such as network storage, the Internet and a school e-mail account. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use—i.e., setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_