

# Victory Charter School

## INTERNET ACCESS CONDUCT AGREEMENT

*Every student, regardless of age, must read and sign below:*

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of Victory Charter School's policy regarding School-provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks (Policy No. **3270/3270P**). Should I commit any violation or in any way misuse my access to the Charter School's computer network and/or the Internet, I understand and agree that my access privilege may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken against me.

User's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
User's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Student \_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_ Patron \_\_\_\_ I am 18 or older \_\_\_\_ I am under 18 \_\_\_\_

If I am signing this policy when I am under 18, I understand that when I turn 18, this policy will continue to be in full force and effect and agree to abide by this policy.

**Parent or Legal Guardian.** (If applicant is over 18 years of age and living with a parent/legal guardian, that parent/legal guardian must also read and sign this agreement.) As the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, I have read, understand and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Charter School's policy regarding School-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks for the student's access to the Charter School's computer network and/or the Internet. I understand that access is being provided to the students for educational purposes only. However, I also understand that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials and understand my child's responsibility for abiding by the policy. I am, therefore, signing this Agreement and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Charter School, the Board Members, Administrators, teachers and other staff against all claims, damages, losses, and costs, of whatever kind, that may result from my child's use of his/her access to such networks or his/her violation of the Charter School's policy. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use of his/her access account if and when such access is not in the school setting. I hereby give my child permission to use the building-approved account to access the Charter School's computer network and the Internet.

Parent / Legal Guardian (Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks

All use of electronic networks shall be consistent with the Charter School's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or proscribed behaviors by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.**

### Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use – Access to the Charter School's electronic networks must be: (a) for the purpose of education or research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Charter School; or (b) for legitimate business use.
2. Privileges – The use of the Charter School's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator (and/or building Administrator) will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures, and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. His or her decision is final.
3. Unacceptable Use – The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
  - Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or state law;
  - Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or devirused;
  - Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
  - Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
  - Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
  - Hacking or gaining unauthorized access to files, resources, or entities;
  - Invading the privacy of individuals, which includes the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information of a personal nature about anyone;
  - Using another user's account or password;
  - Posting material authored or created by another, without his/her consent;
  - Posting anonymous messages;
  - Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
  - Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
  - Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
  - Network Etiquette – The user is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - Be polite. Do not become abusive in messages to others.
    - Use appropriate language. Do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
    - Do not reveal personal information, including the addresses or telephone numbers, of students or colleagues.
  - Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
  - Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
  - Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
4. No Warranties – The Charter School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Charter School will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The Charter School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

5. Indemnification – The user agrees to indemnify the Charter School for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Charter School, relating to or arising out of any violation of these procedures.
6. Security – Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify a security problem on the Internet, the user must notify the system administrator or building Administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
7. Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges, and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
8. Telephone Charges – The Charter School assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.
9. Copyright Web Publishing Rules – Copyright law and Charter School policy prohibit the republishing of text or graphics found on the Web or on Charter School Websites or file servers, without explicit written permission.
  - a. For each republication (on a Website or file server) of a graphic or text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the Web address of the original source.
  - b. Students and staff engaged in producing Web pages must provide library media specialists with e-mail or hard copy permissions before the Web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of “public domain” documents must be provided.
  - c. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the Website displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.
  - d. The “fair use” rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.
  - e. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and the student.

#### Internet Safety

1. Internet access is limited to only those “acceptable uses,” as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is almost assured if users will not engage in “unacceptable uses,” as detailed in these procedures, and will otherwise follow these procedures.
2. Staff members shall supervise students while students are using Charter School Internet access, to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access, as contained in these procedures.
3. Each Charter School computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene; (2) pornographic; or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Administrator or designee.
4. The system administrator and building Administrators shall monitor student Internet access.