TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF THE
ROGERS SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK

Computer accounts are created for all students in grades 6-12 and in grades K-5 where it has been requested by the building principal. All computers in Rogers Public Schools should be assumed to have Internet access, with or without a specific user account. Internet access is an integral part of the computer design and is a fundamental part of normal classroom resources.

Rogers Public Schools seeks to develop world-class skills in its students. A rich diversity of resources is available to students to help achieve this goal. One such resource is Internet access. Internet access is available to students and teachers at Rogers Public Schools. Access is being provided by the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN), the Arkansas Department of Information Services (DIS), MidNet, the National Science Foundation (NSF), as well as other organizations around the world. Our goal in providing this resource is to promote and facilitate educational excellence, resource sharing, innovation, and communication between diverse individuals.

The Rogers School Computer Network is an electronic network connected to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic communications path that connects countless numbers of computers across the world and more than a billion individual users. Students and teachers have access to electronic communications and resources across the globe including but not limited to newspapers, research journals, magazines, collaborative tools, authoritative databases, full text book collections, and countless art collections.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Rogers Public Schools has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials , reduce student risks on the Internet, and prevent computer users from accessing material harmful to minors.* However, on a global network it is impossible to control all the materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information or engage in unsafe behavior. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of Rogers Public Schools.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and state and regional networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of each user, who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to gain. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Rogers Public School user violates any of these provisions, his or her account with Rogers Public Schools may be terminated, and future access could possibly be denied. Your signature on the accompanying page is legally binding and indicates that you have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Terms and Conditions
1. *Acceptable use:* The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Rogers Public Schools. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate to those networks. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or materials protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by individuals or for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
2. *Privileges:* The use of the Rogers School Computer network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The system administrators may close an account at any time. The administration, faculty, and staff of Rogers Public Schools may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, suspend, or restrict specific user accounts.
3. *Network Etiquette (Netiquette):* You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:
   Be polite.
   Use appropriate language.
   Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or those of other students or colleagues.
   Use the network in a manner that does not disrupt the use of the network by others.
   Assume that all communications and information accessible via the network are private property.
   Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the systems have access to all mail.
4. *Warranties:* Rogers Public Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service it is providing. Rogers Public Schools will not be responsible for any damage you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, unapproved access to data, hardware failure, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Rogers Computer Network is at your own risk. Rogers Public Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet services.
5. *Security:* Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Rogers School Computer network, you must notify a system administrator either in person or by e-mail. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user may result in cancellation of user privileges as well as other disciplinary actions. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Rogers School Computer network and may have further disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.**
6. *Vandalism:* Vandalism may result in cancellation of privileges as well as other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data or equipment of another user, the Rogers School Computer network, any of the agencies listed in this document, any network or computer connected to the Rogers School Computer network, or the NSFNET backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
7. *Updating your user information:* Rogers Public Schools may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify Rogers Public School network system administrators of any changes in your account information (address, etc.). Currently there are no user fees for this service.
8. *Exceptions to Terms and Conditions:* All terms and conditions stated in this document are applicable to Rogers Computer network, APSCN, and NSFNET. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the United States of America.
9. *Disciplinary actions:* Disciplinary action may accompany any violations of this agreement. Disciplinary action is typically incremental in nature and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to detention, suspension, and/or expulsion. It is the intent of Rogers Public Schools to make discipline involving technology follow discipline in non-technology cases wherever applicable.

*See Arkansas Code 6-21-107
** See Student Discipline Policy (JK)

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