Internet Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement

Sauk Centre Public Schools

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Internet has emerged as a powerful educational tool, providing worldwide access to museums, libraries, news, events, and other useful resources. At the same time, there have been concerns about children accessing offensive material, as well as crime, abuse, or harassment occurring over the Internet. Sauk Centre Schools recognizes that electronic information research skills are fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. It is the student's responsibility to use the Internet appropriately. Each student must have an "Internet Policy and Use Agreement" signed and on file while in each building.

Precautions have been made to ensure acceptable use including:

- students are generally supervised while using the Internet;
- students breaking the rules laid out in this contract will not be permitted to use our school computers for a given amount of time depending on offense;
- students will face additional discipline depending on the offense;
- all students and parents are required to sign this agreement before students are allowed to use the Internet. The complete District Acceptable Use Policy is available to you upon request;
- you have the option to request alternative educational activities that do not quire INTERNET access.

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 and have parental/guardian consent to do so. It is presumed that users will comply with this district policy and will honor the agreements they have signed. Some uses of the school computer network, Internet, or World Wide Web are not permitted; these include, but are not limited to using the network for any illegal activity, degrading or disrupting equipment, and by invading the privacy of other individuals.

The Internet is a complex system and its use creates responsibilities for students/parents or guardians. Outside of school, parents bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies and other possibly offensive media. Parents are responsible for monitoring their students' use of the school district system from home or a remote location.

Violations of Acceptable Use Policy will result in a loss of access to the computer network as well as possible other disciplinary or legal action including:

- suspension or revocation of information network access for no less than one week but not to exceed one calendar year.
- school suspension
- school expulsion and legal action and prosecution by the authorities

I, _____, pledge to follow these rules while using the Internet at school or elsewhere for any school related purpose. If I break these rules, I understand there will be varying degrees of consequences. I further understand and agree to:

1. I will never give out personal information such as my home address or phone number.
2. I will tell my teacher right away if I come across any information that makes me or others feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my teacher.
4. I will be respectful of people on-line with respect and treat them, as I would like to be treated.
5. I will not reply to nor use the Internet in any inappropriate ways.

Unacceptable uses are more fully defined in the Internet Acceptable Use and Policy. I understand that the District has adopted a comprehensive Internet Acceptable Use Policy, which may be reviewed in the District Office.

Student signature_____ Parent signature_____Date_____Grade _____

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