Authorization for Internet Access

The online world has so much to offer children-education, entertainment and interaction with young people around the world. Traveling in cyberspace, children can find a pen pal, get help with their homework, discover a hobby, become computer savvy and expand their horizons.

Even though children will find a warm welcome online, it's important to remember that the Internet is a worldwide public place. With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting.

The Internet is a tool for life-long learning. With this new learning tool students and staff must understand and practice proper and ethical use. ***The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right.***

The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Authorization for Internet Access will result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The signature at the end of this document assures that you have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Terms and Conditions

- **Acceptable Use** - Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District.
- **Privileges** – The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and in appropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this Authorization and may deny, revoke, or suspend assess at any time. **The principal's decision is final.**
- **Unacceptable Use** – You are responsible for your actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
  - Using the network for any illegal activity
  - Using another user's account or password
  - Invading the privacy of individuals;
  - Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
  - Accessing, downloading or posting any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material;
  - Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
  - Posting anonymous messages, harassment or bullying; and
  - Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
- **Network Etiquette** – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Have good manners. Be polite.
  - Always obey copyright laws.
  - Never knowingly post or forward information that is not true.
  - Ask for help when you need it.
  - Do not reveal personal addresses or telephone numbers without permission.
  - Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by others.
  - Treat people you meet on the Internet as if they were honored guests at your school.

- **Security** – Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify your teacher and/or school administrator. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
- **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, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- **Telephone Charges** – The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.
- **No Warranties** – The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer.
- **Indemnification** – The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of the Authorization.

BYOD

What is BYOD?

BYOD is a technology model where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought to school that is owned by the student (or the student's family), staff or guests.

Examples would include, but are not limited to:

- laptop or mobile computer
- mobile communication systems and smart technologies (Blackberry, Android, iPhone, etc…)
- portable internet devices (iPod Touch, iPad, tablet, PC, etc…)
- e-book readers (Kindle, Nook, etc...)
- portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc…

Acceptable Use – Access to the District's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District. The Acceptable Use agreement shall include the use of or obtaining access to the system from any electronic device and/or computer equipment, whether or not owned or operated by Pekin Public Schools District 108.

Availability of Access – The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The principal will make all

decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this Authorization and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. The principal's decision is final.

Unacceptable Use – The student is responsible for their actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable use are:

- Using the network for any illegal activity;
- Using another user's account or password;
- Invading the privacy of individuals;
- Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
- Accessing, downloading or posting any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material;
- Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
- Posting anonymous messages, harassment or bullying; and
- Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Guidelines – The student is fully responsible, at all times, for the personally owned device brought to school, including updates, antivirus software and repair. It is the responsibility of the students to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Pekin PSD #108 is not liable for any loss/damage/theft of a personally owned device. The student will use the Pekin PSD#108 wireless network. Use of personal wireless connections for accessing the internet is not allowed. Students are not allowed to take pictures or record video during the school day without authorization from school personnel. In addition, students are not allowed to transmit or post photographic images/videos of any persons on school property during the school day on public and/or social networking sites without authorization from school personnel.

The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, administrative procedures, school rules or has engaged in misconduct while using their personal device. Students must comply with teacher requests to shut down the computer, close the screen or cease using the device. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.

Violations of this AUP involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.