

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nicholas County Schools**  
**Acceptable Use Procedure for Technology & Telecommunications**  
**Student/Parent Agreement Form**

*Use of the technology resources of the school is a privilege, not a right. Violation of the rules described below will be dealt with seriously. Violators may lose computer privileges and be disciplined according to the Nicholas County Student Code of Conduct. Periods of suspension of privileges depend upon the severity of the infraction. Law enforcement agencies will be contacted when a criminal violation occurs.*

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I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES IN ALL TECHNOLOGY/TELECOMMUNICATIONS USE WHILE ATTENDING NICHOLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS.

- I. I will not access the Internet without DIRECT TEACHER SUPERVISION.
- II. I recognize that all computer users have the same rights to use the equipment; therefore,
  - A. I will not waste resources such as paper, printer toner or ink, diskettes, cd's etc that are provided by the school.
  - B. I will not use any unauthorized disks or storage devices on school computers.
  - C. I will not intentionally damage or destroy equipment nor disrupt system/network performance.
  - D. I will not attempt to bypass the security built into the system and I recognize that doing so will result in immediate cancellation of my privileges.
  - E. I will not interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment by:
    1. distributing unsolicited advertising
    2. propagating computer viruses
    3. using a network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via a network
    4. downloading non-educational files, such as mp3 files, on-line radio or video, interactive games
- III. I recognize that software and online information are protected by copyright laws; therefore,
  - A. I will not copy in any form software found on school computers,
  - B. I will not give, lend, sell, or install copies of software without the written permission of the copyright owner
  - C. I will not plagiarize information received through telecommunications.
- IV. I recognize that the work of all users is their valuable property; therefore,
  - A. I will not share my password with anyone, use another user's password, or log on the network with another user's ID without permission or valid reason.
  - B. I will not read, copy, change, or use other user's files or accounts.
- V. I recognize that the technology resources of the school are to be used as educational tools to support the mission of Nicholas County Schools; therefore,
  - A. I will limit my use of telecommunications in school to the educational objectives established by my teachers or to teacher-approved and supervised self-discovery.
  - B. I will access e-mail ONLY during designated times and only by using approved email accounts through the WV access.k12.wv.us network. I understand that email is NOT private and all communications are subject to review by school staff.
  - C. I will not play non-educational games, enter chat rooms, or use instant messaging services unless assigned by a teacher as part of course work.
  - D. I will not share or post any personal information (address, picture, telephone number, etc.) across any network.
  - E. I will follow the rules on network etiquette, which includes the use of appropriate language and polite responses.
  - F. I will not use abusive language of any type, including swearing and name-calling.
  - G. I will not use computer systems to disturb or harass other computer users by sending unwanted mail, posting anonymous messages or personal communications without the author's consent. *By signing this waiver and consent, I understand and agree that Nicholas County Schools will not be held responsible if I participate in such harassment activities.*

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- H. I will not intentionally or repeatedly access, "download", or transmit any materials in violation of any U.S. or state regulation, including threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secrets.
- I. I will not retrieve or send unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate or unacceptable information of any type.
- J. I will not use the network for commercial activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying.
- K. I will not use telecommunications access provided by Nicholas County Schools for illegal purposes of any kind.
- L. I will follow WVDE Policy 2460 at all times.

VI. I understand my responsibility as a user of technology. I have read the above rules and realize that any infraction will cancel my user privileges and may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension from school or criminal prosecution. I will assume responsibility for any costs or damages caused by the way I choose to use my network access.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the aforesaid provisions for technology and telecommunications use as detailed in the Nicholas County Schools Acceptable Use Policy and the West Virginia Department of Education Policy 2640.\* I agree to abide by said provisions and policies, observe proper etiquette and rules for on-line safety, and understand the consequences if I violate any of these rules.

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, have read, understand and discussed with my son/daughter the aforesaid provisions for student technology/telecommunications use as detailed in the Nicholas County Schools Acceptable Use Policy and the West Virginia Department of Education Policy 2460. I agree to take responsibility for my child's behavior regarding use of the Nicholas County Schools computer networks, labs, and the Internet.

I understand that this access is primarily for educational purposes and that it is the responsibility of my child to restrict his/her use to assigned classroom projects or to teacher-approved and supervised self-discovery. I also understand that the teacher cannot be held responsible for intentional infractions of the above rules by my son/daughter. In addition, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of telecommunications is in a setting other than school.

I understand that violations will cancel user privileges and may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension from school or criminal prosecution. I further understand that this may mean paying monetary restitution if necessary.

I hereby give permission for my child to use telecommunications and/or to receive an account in his/her name for use in Nicholas County Schools.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

By Signing Here I agree to receive informational calls from Nicholas County Board of Education and its Schools

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\*Copies of the Nicholas County Technology Policy and West Virginia Dept. of Education Policy 2460 are available for viewing at the Nicholas County Board Office or at your child's school.