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MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Guidelines for Computer and Internet Use

Dear Parents,

The Madison Public School District incorporates technology into the instructional program and provides students with access to the Internet. We are very pleased to bring this access to District schools and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique educationally relevant resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers will have access to the World Wide Web, research institutions such as NASA, University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress; and many other collaborative projects for the educational community.

As you probably are aware, the Internet has material available that is not educationally appropriate. We believe in restricting access to controversial materials, and student access to the Internet will be controlled and monitored by their teachers and by filtering software on all devices. However, it may be impossible to control all materials that an industrious user may discover. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may find material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

The use of the District's computing devices provides a varied set of resources. We expect this use to be consistent with our educational mission.

Following is Madison Public School District's Computer/Internet Terms and Conditions of Use:

Acceptable Use - The purpose of the backbone networks making-up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the schools' accounts must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Madison Public School District.
NO PERSON WILL DELIBERATELY OR WILLFULLY CAUSE DAMAGE TO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT OR SOFTWARE OR ASSIST OTHERS IN DOING THE SAME; OR VIEW, ALTER OR DAMAGE THE FILES OF OTHERS.

Privileges - The use of the computers and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The school staff and network administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final.

Network Etiquette - Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, being polite in messages to others; using appropriate language; and not revealing personal addresses or phone numbers.

Sincerely yours,

John LaPierre
Technology Coordinator

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONTRACT
REGARDING THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND
THE INTERNET

I as the parent of guardian have read the contract and the guidelines for use of computers and the Internet. I understand that access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognize that it may be impossible for the Madison Public School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold it responsible for any materials acquired on this network. I also understand my child is expected to use computers in such a way as to cause no damage to them or the files stored in them.

I release the Madison Public School District from any liability or damages that may result from my son's/daughter's use of the Internet. The Madison Public School District denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. In addition, I will accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my son's/daughter's actions with regard to the use of the Internet.

Further, I understand that the improper or inappropriate use of the Internet by my child shall result in revocation of the privilege to access the network, school discipline, and possible criminal and civil penalties.

STUDENT CONTRACT REGARDING
THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND THE
INTERNET

I have read and agree to abide by all rules which are listed in the Madison Public School District Guidelines for Computer and Internet use.

I agree that I will neither deliberately nor willfully cause damage to computer equipment or software or assist others in doing the same. I will not view, alter or damage the files of others.

I realize that the primary purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the schools' accounts must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the Madison Public School District.

I realize that the use of Internet is a privilege not a right. I accept that any inappropriate behavior may lead to penalties including cancellation of that privilege, disciplinary action and/or legal action. The school staff shall deem what constitutes inappropriate use, and I will accept their decision as being final.

I agree that I will not willfully attempt to bypass or circumvent the districts Internet filtering system or computer and network security settings.
I agree not to participate in the transfer of inappropriate or illegal materials through the Madison Public School District Internet. I realize that the transfer of such material may result in legal action against me.

I will abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, being polite in messages to others, using appropriate language and not revealing personal addresses or phone numbers.

I release the Madison Public School District from any liability or damages that may result from my use of the Internet connection. The Madison Public School District denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. In addition, I will accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my actions with regard to the use of Internet.