Sand Springs Public Schools

Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing.

As a district, Sand Springs Public Schools provides internet access to students, teachers, and staff. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The District has Internet filtering protection measures in place to meet Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliance. This protects against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or – with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors – harmful to minors. It may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Sand Springs Public Schools provides an Internet Safety Policy that addresses access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web as well as, training for all stakeholders regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social media outlets, electronic mail, chat rooms, other forms of direct electronic communications as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.

With internet access comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The District has taken available precautions to restrict access to inappropriate content and measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to minors. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all content. As a result, a user may discover inappropriate information. But in a modern learning environment, the district firmly believes that internet usage is a key element in aiding students toward meeting career and college readiness skills.

Proper functioning of the network depends upon the end user to adhere to strict district guidelines. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a District user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Terms and Guidelines

Internet – Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use – The use of your access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the District. Use of other organization’s network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: (a) copyrighted material, (b) threatening or obscene material, (c) or material protected by trade secret. Unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors online is prohibited; unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful
to minors; and educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

2. **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in interruption or adaptation of those privileges. Each student who receives access will be instructed by a faculty member on the proper use of the network. Inappropriate use will result in disciplinary actions that will be consistent with individual building level procedures and policies.

3. **Digital Citizenship** – You are expected to abide by the rules of network etiquette, including guidelines stated in the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE) Standards for Students. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical. Students:

a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.

b) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers or those of other students.

c) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

d) Note: E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. The administrators of the e-mail system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. This also includes use of chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications.

e) Recognize that software is protected by copyright laws, therefore, users will not make unauthorized copies of software found on district devices.

f). cultivate and manage their digital identity and reputation and are aware of the permanence of their actions in the digital world.

g). engage in positive, safe, legal and ethical behavior when using technology, including social interactions online or when using networked devices.

h). demonstrate an understanding of and respect for the rights and obligations of using and sharing intellectual property.

i). manage their personal data to maintain digital privacy and security and are aware of data-collection technology used to track their navigation online.

4. **Google Apps for Education (GSuite)** – The District provides Google Apps for Education accounts for student use in their academic program, which may include email accounts and access to YouTube. Student data, which includes communications and work generated through these student accounts, are accessible to authorized District personnel for such monitoring, use or disclosure of this data as may be necessary for the educational program. Parents and students executing this Internet Use Agreement consent to this monitoring, use and disclosure
by the District, and they consent to Google providing the District with the ability to do so. Parents and students executing this Internet Use Agreement authorize Google to provide these services to the student as described in the Google Apps for Education Agreement and as administered by the District. Student data generated is stored and processed at Google facilities. Security and access to this data is governed by the Google Apps for Education Agreement which is posted on the District website or available upon request.

5. **Risk Policy** – The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence or errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at user’s own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained.

6. **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a security problem is identified on the Internet, users must notify a teacher who will in turn notify a system administrator. Users must not demonstrate any problems to other users. Users must not use another individual’s account without written permission from the individual. Attempts to access the Internet as a system administrator will result in interruption or loss of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may result in disciplinary actions that will be consistent with individual building level procedures and policies, including but not limited to suspension of internet usage or denial of said services.

7. **Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy district owned mobile devices, data of another user, Internet, or agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, hacking and other unlawful activities.

8. **Exception**– All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the District. 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 and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the United States of America.
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STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the foregoing Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student’s Name (please print): ____________________________________________ Grade: __________

Student Signature: __________________________________________________ Date: __________

School Site: ____________________________________________________________

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Sand Springs Public Schools has taken precautions to eliminate inappropriate material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Sand Springs Public Schools to restrict access to all potentially inappropriate materials. I will not hold Sand Springs Public Schools responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to have access to Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian’s Name (please print) ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Parent’s Signature

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TEACHER/ADVISOR  (Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher’s Name (please print) ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Teacher’s Signature

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