REGULATIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR THE INTERNET/NETWORK AND ON-LINE SERVICES

DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT USE OF THE INTERNET/NETWORK

Internet users are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. The following guidelines are used to help ensure appropriate use.

1. Parents must give permission for their child to use the Internet independently for educational purposes by signing the "Acceptable Use Policy Agreement" form. Permission for Internet use if effective during a student's attendance at a site (i.e., K-5, 6-8, 9-12). If a parent wishes to withdraw permission prior to that time, they must submit written notice to the building principal. Parents also have the option of denying permission for their child to use the Internet.

2. Students are required to sign the "Acceptable Use Policy Agreement" indicating their understanding and acceptance of the district's Internet Use Guidelines.

3. Prior to access on the Internet, students will be required to receive training in the proper use of the Internet through a review of Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet.

4. Students are responsible for their explorations of the Internet. Each school will handle any Internet discipline issues in accordance with the district's Rules of Student Conduct and Discipline Plan (NEPN code JK). The Director of Technology will be consulted when district-wide violations occur. Inappropriate use of the Internet may result in access privileges being revoked, school disciplinary action being taken, and/or appropriate legal action being implemented.

5. Vandalism, defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software and/or data, will result in cancellation of privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action. Vandalism includes the creation or intentional uploading of computer viruses.

6. These rules and regulations will be posted in each classroom, library, computer lab and any area of the building with Internet access.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS IN THE USE OF THE INTERNET/NETWORK

Internet/network users are expected to behave responsibly in accessing and viewing information that is pertinent to the mission of the district. You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the property of the Aberdeen School District.

2. Note that network activity (e-mail, files, webpages, etc.) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all network activity. Network activity relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to authorities.

3. Do not use another individual's user account.

4. Do not download any copyrighted material.

5. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network for other users.

6. Do not use the network for financial gain.

7. Do not reveal your home address or phone numbers, or those of other students. Use school addresses and phone numbers only – even if you think you "know" your correspondent.

8. Do not post personal messages on bulletin-board or "list serves."

9. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other obscenities. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

10. Be courteous and respectful in your messages to others.

11. Do not use proxy sites or VPN's.

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