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Soulsbyville School District – INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL DEVICE, & DIGITAL TOOLS ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Student's Name (Please Print) _____ Grade Level _____

Teacher _____ Date _____

Soulsbyville School District's Acceptable use of Internet, Technology Equipment, Personal Devices & Digital Tools Agreement outlines the expectations for individual student use of the Internet, technology equipment, all personal devices & collaborative applications regarding their obligations & responsibilities as users. (AR 6161.4 (a)) Please review & discuss this document with your child, sign it, & return it to your child's teacher.

Collaborative Applications:

Soulsbyville School teachers are using various digital tools to enhance & further student learning, to align with the new Common Core State Standards, & to educate students about safe, effective practices when working online. (BP 6161.4 (a)) Students may be using web-based collaborative applications on school & personal devices to create & post their work to the Internet. Examples of these tools include, but are not limited to: GoogleApps, Wikispaces, Animoto, DropBox & Edmodo. Educational web-based collaborative application activities are designed to protect student privacy. Teachers who use these tools establish a semi-closed community, where participants involved in the project can work collaboratively on a project and/or post educational comments to one another. The teacher will constantly monitor student actions & work for appropriateness, but ultimately students must act responsibly. (BP 6161.4 (a))

Acceptable Use of Internet, Technology Equipment, Personal Devices & Digital Tools:

Students are responsible for good behavior when using the Internet, computers, personal devices & other technology just as they are in a physical classroom. Internet, technology, & personal devices are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner for educational purposes only. (BP 6161.4 (a)) Soulsbyville School District will allow the student identified above to use the District's computer labs, technology, & personal devices to access the Internet under the following terms & conditions:

1. Conditional Privilege: Student use of the District's Internet access, computer labs, personal devices, & other technology is a **privilege** dependent upon the student abiding by this agreement. No student may use the District's Internet access or technology equipment unless the student & his/her parent or guardian have read & signed this agreement. (BP 6161.4 (a))
2. Acceptable Use: The student agrees that he/she will use the District's Internet access for educational purposes only, even when accessed via personal devices. In using the Internet, the student agrees to obey all federal & state laws & regulations. The student also agrees to abide by any Internet use rules instituted in the student's class, whether those rules are written or spoken. (AR 6161.4 (a))
3. "Misuse of Internet access & technology equipment, counting personal devices, includes, but is not limited to the following: (AR 6161.4 (a)) (BP 6161.4 (a))
 - Using the Internet for anything other than educational purposes;
 - Using the Internet for any illegal activity, including, but not limited to: computer hacking, & copyright or intellectual property law violations;
 - Stealing or vandalizing: data, equipment, or intellectual property including copyrighted material;

- Using abusive, profane, or inappropriate language or images in private messages on the system or any personal device, or using the system or any personal device to harass, bully, insult or attack others in any way;
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files; e.g.
 - Using another person’s name, password or account information without proper authorization;
 - Use your real name in all communications. Impersonation, anonymity or pseudonyms are not permitted.
 - Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users;
- Divulging personal identification information about oneself or anyone else, either on the Internet, in an e-mail or via any other digital tool;
 - Personal identification information includes: full name, address, & phone number. Maintain the security of the network by keeping information, especially passwords & account numbers private.
 - The person named on any account as the account holder is the one responsible for its proper use at all times.
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance; e.g.
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4. Penalties for Misuse: If the student violates this agreement by misusing the Internet, technology equipment, personal devices or other digital tools, he/she shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to: termination of Internet, technology equipment, &/or personal device use privileges. (BP 6161.4 (a))

5. Security: Students shall report any misuse or security problems to a teacher, administrator, or another adult immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. (AR 6161.4 (a))

6. Liability for debts: Students & their cosigners shall be liable for any & all costs (debts) incurred through the student’s use of the computers, personal devices or the Internet including, but not limited to, penalties for copyright violations. (BP 6161.4 (a))

7. Privacy: The student & parent/guardian signing below agree that if the student uses the Internet through the District’s access that the student’s right to privacy is waived as it pertains to District Internet usage. The student & the parent/guardian agree that the District may monitor the student’s use of the District’s Internet access & may also examine all system activities the student participates in, including, but not limited to: e-mail, voice, & video transmissions. The District will share such transmissions with the student’s parents/guardians as the District deems necessary.

8. No Guarantees: The District will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent & student recognize that the District makes no guarantees about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the student, especially on personal devices. Furthermore, the District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. (BP 6161.4 (a))

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Parent Copy – Please keep for your records.

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