Community Consolidated School District 46

Parent Information Letter Re: Internet Use

Community Consolidated School District 46 is pleased to offer its students access to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting hundreds of thousands of computers and millions of individual users all over the world. This computer technology will help propel our schools through the communication age by allowing students and staff to access and use resources from distant computers, communicate and collaborate with other individuals and groups around the world, and significantly expand their available information base. The Internet is a tool for lifelong learning.

Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student’s parent or guardian would be liable.

While the District’s intent is to make Internet access available in order to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Even should the District institute technical methods or systems to regulate students’ Internet access, those methods could not guarantee compliance with the District’s access to electronic information policy. That notwithstanding, the District believes that the benefits to students of access to the Internet exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

Child’s Name (please print)                                                  Child’s Teacher

Internet Use Student Contract (Grades K-4)

Privileges

Students have the privilege to use the Internet. Students can get information or do research. They can also send and receive electronic mail—much like having an electronic pen pal.

Responsibilities

1. Students must not share their computer name or password with anyone.

2. Students must never give their home address or telephone number when sending or receiving messages.

3. Students may not visit sites on the Internet that are inappropriate.

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4. It is a student's responsibility to report any misuse of Internet access to a teacher or computer lab assistant.

5. It is understood that all network activity may be monitored by the network administrators.

C.C. School District 46 staff members look forward to enhancing students' educational opportunities via Internet services. Anyone who is found in violation of the outlined standards may have their network privileges revoked and/or referred to the building administrator for appropriate discipline.

I/We have read the above and understand the terms and conditions.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ________

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ________
Internet and Network Policies and Practices
Grades 5-8

On-line safety is very important at your school. So is personal integrity. That means that you are responsible for doing what's right - when surfing the Internet and when working in an environment where fellow students' and teachers' documents are available.

Student Internet searches are allowed only through the use of bookmarked sites, "kid-safe" search engines, and/or under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Documents for students are allowed only through a group shared folder or volume. Going into someone else's account, even with his/her permission, is not acceptable practice.

Students not following the policy of "kid safe" searching will be disciplined by the teacher.

Disciplinary Actions

The following are considered very serious infractions. Your building principal and your parent/guardian will actively enforce the following:

Any student found:
 a) altering a user's ID (for example, to hide one's activities);
 b) intentionally visiting an inappropriate Internet site;
 c) "hacking," deleting, altering or trashing files belonging to another person or organization; may be suspended from all network activity at the discretion of the principal for a period up to the remainder of the school year. Other restrictions or actions may be applied, as deemed necessary for the safety of the student and/or the integrity of the network.

Child's Name (please print)                     Child's Teacher

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Internet Use Student Contract (Grades 5-8)

Privileges

Students have the privilege to access the Internet to facilitate educational growth in technology skills, information gathering skills, and communication skills. Students may use the following methods for retrieving information: world wide web and electronic mail (e-mail).

Responsibilities

1. Students are responsible for not giving their computer account and password to anyone.

2. Students must never give their home address or telephone number when sending or receiving messages.

3. Students may not alter any network address or identifiers.

4. Students are responsible for all mail and material received via the Internet under their user account. Students are responsible for keeping copyrighted software of any kind from entering the school. Unauthorized software may not be copied from or to any district computers. All material obtained from the Internet must be appropriate in nature and will not include any pornographic material, inappropriate or illegal text, files, files with inappropriate language, or files dangerous to the integrity of the district's network.

5. It is a student's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the electronic mail system. The student has the responsibility to report all violations of privacy and misuse.

6. It is understood that all network activity (file transfers, mail, etc.) both within the LAN (local area network) and outside the LAN may be monitored by the network administrators.

C.C. School District 46 staff members look forward to enhancing students' educational opportunities via Internet services. Anyone who is found in violation of the designated standards may have their network privileges revoked and/or referred to building administration for appropriate discipline and/or face prosecution under the laws of the United States.

I/We have read the above and understand the terms and conditions.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ___________

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ___________