Student Technology and Internet Use Agreement

Internet access is available to students and staff in the South Umpqua School District (SUSD). Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The purpose of this Technology Use Agreement is to provide the procedures, rules, guidelines, and the code of conduct for use of technology and the information network in the South Umpqua School District.

With Internet access there comes the risk of availability to material that may not be appropriate in the context of a school setting. Although SUSD has taken precautions to filter controversial websites, it is impossible to fully restrict access to all objectionable content. We (SUSD) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Worldwide Web far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Smooth system operations rely upon the proper conduct of end users. In general, this means efficient, ethical and legal utilization of network resources.

- ***The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.***

Terms and Conditions

Acceptable Use – The use of student accounts must be in support of education and research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the South Umpqua School District. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret and materials harmful to minors as defined by CIPA*. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. Unauthorized use of the network, intentional deletion or damage of files and data belonging to other users, or copyright violations may be termed as theft.

Privileges – The use of the network and Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The Superintendent and system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time. The administration, faculty, and staff of SUSD may request the system administrators to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

Network Etiquette – Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- Do not engage in Cyberbullying through any electronic means including but not limited to; email messages and shared Google documents.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers, or anyone else's. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. This includes (but is not limited to) network gaming and streaming live music or video at any time.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- Do not access materials which are deemed in appropriate as listed above in acceptable use.
- Do not download materials (pictures, images, gif etc.) which are graphic in nature including images referencing violence or obscene images as defined by CIPA.
- All computer use must be educationally related; playing games is prohibited.

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Responsibility- South Umpqua School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. SUSD will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruption. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. SUSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Security – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet or network, you must notify a system administrator. DO NOT demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Any system which requires password access, or for which the district requires an account, will only be used by the authorized user. *Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account. Attempts to log on to the network as a system administrator or as anyone outside of your account will result in cancellation of user privileges*. Any user identified as a security risk, or having a history of problems with other computer systems, may be denied access to the network. At the Superintendent's direction, the SUSD Technology Department reserves the right, and has the capability, to monitor Internet use, fileserver space utilization, and real-time computer use. The network administrators have the right to review any material stored on SUSD equipment and to edit or remove any material which they, in their sole discretion, believe may be unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable.

Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, computer, network, or Internet. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Under no circumstances should a user destroy, modify or abuse the districts hardware or software in any way. The District reserves the right to bill users for the repair or replacement of damaged/vandalized technology.

Download and/or install software- Staff and students will not download or install software on district computers. School site Technology Representatives and the District I.T. Department are to be contacted regarding any need for these activities.

USB Thumb Drives – If you use USB thumb drives on district owned devices you must not put executable files (programs) on these drives. These drives should be used for transferring documents only and not for running any type of application or utility. Thumb drives are a privilege and can be confiscated and examined at anytime.

Computer Lab Use- You are not to be in a lab unsupervised. Students must be in the lab to work, not to play games or "mess around" on the Internet.

South Umpqua School District Policy IIBGA-AR

CIPA – Children's Internet Protection Act - The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Interne

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY

ACCOUNT/INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT:

Students will be granted Internet Access and Student Technology Accounts for classroom participation purposes only. This is a two-part agreement. Both parent/guardian and student must sign to be in compliance.

Every student will be issued an account to save their work on our server and in the cloud. All students will use the Capitalized Letter of their last name, the @ symbol and their full student number as their password to save work on our server and in the cloud. To protect your right to privacy, this password is not to be shared with any other students.

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT/INTERNET ACCESS:

I have read the district's Electronic Communication System Policy included with this handbook. I understand and will abide by the terms of this agreement. Should I commit any violations to the agreement, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary and/or legal actions may be taken. I agree not to share my password with any other student. Doing so will invade my right to privacy.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent /Guardian Section:

_____   Yes, my child has permission to have a student network account and /or internet access.

_____   No, I do NOT want my child to have a network account or be able to access the internet at school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date: _____