

STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY AGREEMENT

To access e-mail and/or the Internet at school, students under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain parent permission and must sign and return this form. Students eighteen (18) and over may sign their own forms.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. The Board of Education's Internet connection is provided for educational purposes only and the resources it provides are increasingly being integrated into the curriculum of the Howards Grove School District. Unauthorized and/or inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of this privilege.

The Board has implemented technology protection measures, which protect against (e.g. block/filter) Internet access to visual displays/depictions/materials that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The Board also monitors online activity of students in an effort to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that determined users may be able to gain access to information, communication and/or services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes and/or that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Parents/Guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the Internet. Students accessing the Internet through the school's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Internet.

The Board has the right, at any time, to access, monitor, review and inspect any directories, files and/or messages residing on or sent using the Board's computers/networks. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines, and have discussed them with my child. I understand that student access to the internet is designed for educational purposes and that the Board has taken available precautions to restrict and/or control student access to material on the Internet that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the Board to restrict access to all objectionable and/or controversial materials that may be found on the Internet. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School, the School District and the Board of Education and any of its employees, administrators or officers from any and all claims, damages, losses and costs, of whatever kind, that may result from my child's use of his/her access to the District's networks or his/her violation of the District's policies and guidelines. In addition, I agree not to hold the School, the School District, the Board of Education and any of its employees, administrators or officers responsible for materials my child may acquire or come in contact with while on the Internet. Additionally, I accept responsibility for communicating to my child guidance concerning his/her acceptable use of the Internet - i.e., setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and resources on the Internet. I further understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations and that violation of this Agreement and the related policies and guidelines may result in the revocation of my child's privilege to access and use the District's network, including the Internet, and that disciplinary action may be taken against my child. To the extent that proprietary rights in the design of a website hosted on the Board's servers would vest in my child upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the Board.

Student

I have read and agree to abide by the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Guidelines. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy and Guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense and may result in the revocation of my privilege to access and use the District's network, including the Internet, and that disciplinary action may be taken against me. As a user of the Board's computers/network and the Internet, I agree to communicate over the Internet and the Network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines.

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what is unauthorized or inappropriate use. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to the Network/Internet to individuals who violate the Board's Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related Guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

Board Bylaw & Policy 7540 – [Computer Technology Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety](#)

Board Guideline 7540 – [Computer Technology and Networks](#)

Please complete the following information:

Student User's Full Name (please print): _____

School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____