

# **Iron County School District**

## **6-12 Student Computer Acceptable Use Policy**

### **BOARD POLICY**

The Iron County School District has access to the Internet, which is governed and supported by the Utah Education Network.

### **INTERNET USES**

Use of the electronic information resources in the School District shall be to improve and support the educational process by providing access to global information and improving communication between students, employees of Iron County School District, parents, and community members. The School District desires to provide electronic conferencing and global information resources via the World Wide Web, to students of the School District at no cost.

### **ACCEPTABLE USES**

All Internet or computer equipment use shall be consistent with the purposes and goals of the School District. It is imperative that users of the Internet or computer equipment conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, moral, and polite manner. All users must abide by all local, state, and federal laws. The Internet user accepts the responsibility of adhering to high standards of conduct and the terms and conditions set forth in all parts of this policy.

### **IMPERMISSIBLE INTERNET & COMPUTER EQUIPMENT USES**

The following uses of the Internet & computer equipment are prohibited:

1. Any violation of applicable school policy or public law by such use;
2. Any activity that is immoral or contrary to the high moral standards which must be maintained in an educational setting;
3. Any attempt to bypass state, district, or school security (e.g. bypassing proxies or hacking servers or work stations) is forbidden;
4. Accessing or transmitting of immoral, obscene, pornographic, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, defaming, harassing, threatening, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate images or information, or receiving such information from others;
5. Any commercial use, product advertisement, display of personal information, or promotion of political candidates;
6. Any violation of copyright, trade secret or trademark laws;
7. Any attempt to damage, disrupt or interfere with the use of any computer or electronic information resource;
8. Any attempt to access information beyond the users authorized access to any electronic information resource;
9. Any destruction, defacement, theft, or altering of school district equipment;
10. Any storing of illegal, inappropriate, or obscene material on district owned electronic equipment;
11. Excessive non-school related computer use during school hours.

### **PRIVILEGE**

The use of the Internet and computer equipment within the School District is a privilege. The information produced from Internet access or computer use shall be deemed the property of the School District. It is confidential information to the user unless it is transmitted to others with the user's permission. Violation of this policy can result in the loss of computer access privileges.

### **MONITORING**

The School District reserves the right to monitor and review any material on any machine at anytime in order for the District to determine any inappropriate use of network services.

## **DISCLAIMER OF ALL WARRANTIES**

Iron County School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services provided in connection with use of the Internet or computer equipment. Neither the School District nor any supporting Internet services will be responsible for any damages that an Internet user suffers. The School District expressly disclaims any liability in connection with the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, failure to deliver, mistaken deliveries, viruses, backup device failure, service interruptions, or other unforeseen reasons caused by the School District or the Internet server or by the users error or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The School District expressly denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through any Internet service. All users must consider the source of any information they obtain and evaluate the validity of that information.

## **SECURITY**

Iron County School District will implement security procedures on Internet access to protect against unacceptable use. Computer users are responsible for the security of their files and passwords. Sharing of any usernames or passwords to anyone is not permissible and may result in the lost of account privileges. Computer users will be held accountable for any activity under their account. Any security problems will be reported immediately to the school/site administrator.

## **ENCOUNTER OF CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL**

Internet users may encounter material that is controversial which the user or administrator may consider inappropriate or offensive. The district has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials through a filtering and monitoring system. However, it is impossible on a global Internet, to control access to all data which a user may discover. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material. Any site or material that is deemed controversial should be reported immediately to the appropriate administrator. The School District expressly disclaims any obligation to discover all violations of inappropriate internet access.

## **TERMS OF USE**

1. Only registered students of the School District qualify for Internet access under this policy.
2. Only the authorized users who have signed the user agreement shall have computer access. Users are ultimately responsible for all activity while using the Internet.
3. The school principal, vice-principal and/or responsible teacher may suspend or terminate any computer user's access for any reason whatsoever.
4. All Internet or computer equipment access of a student is automatically terminated at the moment of withdrawal, graduation, or expulsion of the student from the School District.
5. All student Internet use must have teacher/staff supervision.

## **PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER USE**

Any user violating this policy or applicable state and federal laws may be restricted from Internet use or use of any or all computers (in addition to other disciplinary options). Such additional options may include suspension, expulsion and/or referral to legal authorities.

# **USER AGREEMENT**

## **Student:**

I understand and will abide by the Iron County School District Student Computer Acceptable Use Agreement Policy. I further understand that any violation of the above Computer Acceptable Use Agreement Policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, I realize that my access privileges may be revoked and other disciplinary action may be taken (which could include appropriate legal action).

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian:**

If a student is under age eighteen (18) a parent or guardian must read and sign this document. As the parent or guardian of the above-signed student, I have read the Student Computer Acceptable Use Agreement Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for Iron County School District or Internet User Services to restrict access to controversial materials and I will not hold the district or staff responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. Further, I accept full responsibility if and when my child is found in violation of this computer use policy.

**I hereby give permission to allow access to the Computer network and the Internet for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent or Legal Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I do not give permission to allow access to the Internet for my child.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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