

# **Iron County School District**

## **K-5 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. Students who abuse acceptable use, which includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted or threatening or obscene material, pornography, gambling, and inappropriate language will be subject to disciplinary action. What students send or receive via computer resources may be viewed by others with or without your knowledge.

### **ACCEPTABLE USES**

To qualify for electronic information resource services, students must be willing to abide by the rules of acceptable use. Please work with us in helping your elementary school age child understand and abide by these simple but important rules of appropriate use.

Acceptable use means that as a student you will promise to use the computer resources, such as the Internet, with respect and responsibility. As a student you will also promise to abide by school rules, this acceptable use policy, and classroom rules that will be taught by your teachers and other school staff. You must understand that use of the computer resources is designed to support your education. If rules are broken, a student may lose his/her privilege in using the computer resources. Please note the following rules:

➤ **Be Polite and Show Respect:**

1. When using the computer to write, send or to receive messages or information, always use appropriate school language and behavior.
2. Show respect for others and self by not accessing or transmitting any immoral, obscene, pornographic, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, defaming, harassing, threatening, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate images or information, or receiving such information from others.
3. Show respect for property by not attempting damage, destruction, defacement, or theft of any electronic equipment, or attempting to disrupt or interfere with the use of any computer or electronic information resource. The computer resources belong to the school district.
4. Do not attempt to store any illegal, inappropriate, or obscene material on district owned electronic equipment.

➤ **Be Honest and Obey the Rules:**

1. When using the computer resources follow all posted rules and instructions given by your teacher. Use the computer resources for appropriate educational purposes only.
2. Do not attempt any activity which would violate any school, district or public laws.
3. Do not attempt to bypass state, district, or school security (e.g. bypassing proxies or hacking servers or work stations), or any attempt to access information other than your own.
4. Do not attempt any activity that would be a violation of copyright, trade secret or trade laws.
5. You must report inappropriate use of the computer or internet to a teacher or the principal.

➤ **Keep Personal things Private:**

1. It is advised that students not tell or show others any personal or family information over the Internet, such as: home address, phone numbers, passwords, or Social Security numbers. Do not log on or use another person's account. Keep personal and electronic information private. **Do not share your password with anyone.**

### **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**

Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Neither Iron County School District nor any supporting Internet services will be responsible for any damages that any student suffers. The School District expressly disclaims any liability in connection with the loss of data due to viruses, backup device failure, service interruptions, or other unforeseen reasons. The School District expressly denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through any Internet service.

**SECURITY**

Iron County School District will implement security procedures on Internet access to protect against unacceptable use. Sharing of any usernames or passwords to anyone is not permissible and may result in the loss 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, 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:

My parent or guardian has reviewed this Acceptable Use Policy with me. I understand the importance of being polite, kind, and respectful to others and the equipment. I also understand that the use of the computer resources is for educational purposes only. I further understand that if I break any of these rules, my computer privileges can be taken away and that other disciplinary or legal action may also be taken.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian:

As the parent or guardian, I have read and have reviewed this policy with my elementary school age child. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I understand it is impossible for the school district to restrict access to all controversial or inappropriate content and I will not hold the district or the staff responsible for materials acquired on the Internet by my child. I have discussed the importance of obeying and abiding by the rules set by the school district. I further understand that if my child does not abide by these rules he/she may be disciplined. 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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