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## **USE OF INTERNET REGULATIONS**

The Richland School Board provides access to the Internet to students, teachers, staff and administrators. The Internet is a very exciting educational tool which can greatly benefit schools. Research, collaborative learning, and exchange of educational ideas and information are regularly pursued on the Internet. The Board believes that there are appropriate regulations to maximize effective educational use of the Internet and minimize abuse of the opportunity being provided to our schools. Ethical, efficient and legal use of any network is the key to a successful linkage with the Internet. Accordingly, regulations for participation by anyone on the Internet shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Users must demonstrate honest, integrity, and respect for others at all times. Appropriate manners and language shall be required.
2. No individual student shall be permitted to have an e-mail account. Only teachers and classes as a whole may be permitted to use e-mail. E-mail is not guaranteed to be private on the Internet. Therefore, only appropriate teacher or class messages shall be allowed.
3. No photographs, personal addresses, personal phone numbers, or last names will be permitted in student use of the Internet.
4. Illegal activities, including copyright or contract violations shall not be permitted. The Internet may not be used for financial or commercial gain.
5. Threatening, profane, or abusive messages shall be forbidden.
6. No activities shall be allowed which may damage or interrupt equipment or any networking system.
7. Any attempt to alter, harm or destroy the data of another user of the Internet, or any network on the Internet shall be forbidden.
8. No user shall be permitted to upload, or create, a computer virus on the Internet or any networking system.

9. A user shall not attempt to access any Internet resources or entities not previously authorized by the teacher.
10. Invading the privacy of another user, or using their account, shall not be tolerated.
11. Posting personal messages without the author's consent shall be forbidden.
12. Sending or posting anonymous messages shall be forbidden.
13. Perusing, or otherwise accessing, obscene or pornographic material, or using profanity in messages shall be forbidden.
14. Perusing or otherwise accessing information on manufacturing bombs or other incendiary devices shall be forbidden.
15. Product advertising, political lobbying, or sending messages involving illegal activities shall not be permitted.
16. Any subscriptions to list servers, bulletin boards, or on-line services shall be approved by the Superintendent or his designee prior to any such usage.
17. When a security problem is detected, it shall be reported immediately to the teacher. The problem shall not be demonstrated to other users.
18. Only school software and disks shall be permitted in the Internet lab.
19. Authorized student usage of the Internet shall be under the direct supervision of the school personnel.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, and any inappropriate use may result in appropriate disciplinary action and loss of privileges to use the Internet. Violation of this policy may constitute suspension and/or revocation of Internet access and related privileges and could lead to school disciplinary action, and/or legal action. Suspension of Internet privileges shall automatically result for any user who accesses, sends, receives, or configures electronically any profane or obscene language or pictures. Loss of privileges shall apply to all students, teachers, staff and administrators who abuse the privilege of using the Internet. Violations of Internet Usage regulations shall be reported to the principal or teacher immediately when observed by any teacher or student. No one shall be permitted to use the Internet unless a completed Internet Acceptable Use Contract has been submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

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**ACCEPTABLE USE CONTRACT AND PARENT PERMISSION**

<p><b>NAME OF STUDENT</b> _____ <b>( Please Print)</b></p> <p><b>NAME OF PARENT</b> _____</p> <p><b>SCHOOL</b> _____</p>
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As a user of the Richland Parish Schools computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated policy and regulations to communicate over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions. I understand that violation of this policy may constitute suspension and/or revocation of Internet access and related privileges, and could lead to school disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Richland Parish Acceptable Use Policy outlining the terms and conditions of Internet use. I understand that my child is fully aware of the policy and regulations, and is responsible for his/her actions. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - following the policy and regulations as outlined above and consistent with the Student/Parent Internet.

I, hereby, give my child permission to use the Richland Parish School Internet.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<p>The Acceptable Use Policy is available upon request at each individual school or the central office. <u>For more information, contact the Supervisor of Classroom Technology @ 728-5964.</u></p>
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