

# **INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

## **THE INTERNET**

The Ash Grove R-IV School District is pleased to offer its students access to the Internet through the district's computer system. The Internet is a worldwide communications network through which students may communicate with other Internet users through textual, graphic and audio transmissions. To gain access to the Internet through the district's computer system, all students must sign and submit an Internet User Agreement, Waiver and Release. All students under the age of 18 must also obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian.

In addition to enabling direct communication between users, access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards which exist on computer servers around the world. The district's sole intent in providing access to the Internet is to further educational goals and objectives. Students and parents are warned that users may, either intentionally or unintentionally, access textual, graphic and/or auditory information which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory and otherwise offensive to the user or others. Access to the above material is strictly prohibited by this Agreement. However, it is impossible for the district to prevent access to such material. It is the responsibility of students and parents to set appropriate standards concerning the access and use of material contained on the Internet. The district respects the right of each student and parent to decide whether or not the student will be permitted access to the Internet.

## **CONDITIONS AND RULES OF USE**

Access to the Internet through the district's computer system is not a right, it is a privilege. Accordingly, all users must comply with the following conditions and rules of use:

1. Users shall not access, view, transfer or store any material in any form which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory or potentially offensive to others.
2. Users who unintentionally access such material shall immediately terminate such access.
3. Users shall not harass, insult, or attack others.
4. Users shall not damage computers, computer systems, computer networks or computer data.
5. Users shall not use another user's password.
6. Users shall not trespass in the folders, work, files or data of others.
7. Users shall not intentionally waste user time and resources.
8. Users shall not use Internet access for any commercial activity.
9. Users shall not use Internet access for political lobbying.
10. Users shall abide by all federal, state or local laws.
11. Users shall not use Internet access for non-academic activities when other users require the system for academic purposes.
12. Users shall not use chat.

Violation of any of the foregoing conditions and rules of use shall be grounds for immediate termination of Internet use privileges.

The district reserves the right to review all data stored in the district's computer system in order to enforce the above conditions and rules of use. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will be private or confidential.

## ASH GROVE INTERNET WAIVER AND RELEASE

**WARNING!** This document contains a waiver, release and indemnity clause pursuant to which you are relinquishing rights guaranteed to you by law. You are encouraged to consult an attorney before signing this document.

I hereby consent to the conditions and rules of use in the Ash Grove student handbook. I understand that the Internet contains material which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory and otherwise offensive to some people. I understand that it is impossible for the district to prevent access to such material. I hereby forever waive any cause of action whatsoever against the district, its board of education, officers, administrators, teachers, employees, agents and volunteers which may accrue by reason of my access to the Internet. I hereby forever release said parties from any liability whatsoever which may arise by reason of my access to the Internet. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless said parties for any and all claims resulting from my access to the Internet and actions taken by me in connection with such access. I understand that by executing this Internet Agreement, Waiver and Release, I am relinquishing rights guaranteed to me by law.

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Student signature

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I **grant permission** for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the Internet contains material which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory and otherwise offensive to some people. I understand that it is impossible for the district to prevent access to such material. I hereby forever waive any cause of action whatsoever against the district, its board of education, officers, administrators, teachers, employees, agents and volunteers which may accrue by reason of my child's access to the Internet. I hereby forever release said parties from any liability whatsoever which may arise by reason of my child's access to the Internet. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless said parties for any and all claims resulting from my child's access to the Internet and actions taken by my child in connection with such access. I understand that by executing this Internet Agreement, Waiver and Release, I am relinquishing rights guaranteed to me by law.

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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Name of student (print)

I have read the Ash Grove District Acceptable Use Policy and as the parent or legal guardian of the following student, I request that my child be restricted from using the Internet.

I **deny permission** for my child to use the district Internet.

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Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

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Name of student (print)