Student Computer/Technology Use Policy

The schools of the Seventh-day Adventist Education system are pleased to offer their students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet both parent and student must sign and return this form to the school.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. We believe, however, that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed any disadvantages and therefore support the school's choosing to make the Internet available to our students. But because ultimately parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources we respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Since the network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege-not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Students are responsible for Christian behavior and communication on the school computer network, just as they are anywhere on the school campus. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. The school takes very seriously the responsibility for appropriate use of the network. School staff will guide students toward resources acceptable within the framework of the general school standards. If a student should access inappropriate material the school will not be liable and the student will forfeit network privileges at this institution.

Computer storage files will be treated like school lockers. School staff may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly.

Students will adhere to Christian principles and will:
- Be responsible and courteous in all communications
- Be responsible with all computer hardware and software
- Keep their passwords to themselves
- Respect the confidentiality of folders. work and files of others
- Learn about and observe copyright laws

Any activity not in accordance with these general rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the school's computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules-communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

_____   _____   _____
Student Signature   Date   Grade

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Student Printed Name

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services such as electronic mail land the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for any inappropriate behavior. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable. but I accept responsibility to work with the school in guidance of Internet use-setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

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Parent Signature   Printed Name   Date