

SEVASTOPOL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Pioneering The Next Generation”

ELECTRONIC ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The School District of Sevastopol offers your student the use of electronic communications through the School District of Sevastopol's computer system. Your student will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations and individuals around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks.

Part of the District's responsibility in preparing students in the 21st century is to provide them access to the tools they will be using as adults. The Internet will likely be one of these tools. Through the District's computer system your student will have access to databases, libraries and computer systems from all over the world. We accept the responsibility of teaching your student about his or her role as a “network” citizen and the code of ethics involved with this community.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility on the part of your student. It is important that you and your student read the enclosed agreement and Policy and discuss these requirements. The District takes precautions to prevent access to inappropriate material. However, it is impossible to control access to all material and user may access inappropriate material despite our precautions.

In order for your student to take advantage of this educational opportunity, your authorization is needed. Attached to this letter are the Acceptable Use Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement which both you and your student must sign before your child may use the computer system. Please review these materials carefully with your student before signing the required agreement.

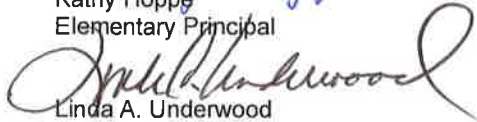
Sincerely,



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Sevastopol School District Bylaws & Policies

7540.03 - STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

The District makes access to interconnected computer systems within the District as well as the Internet available to students to provide various means of accessing educational materials and opportunities.

The District's Internet system has a limited educational purpose and is not intended to serve as a public access service or a public forum. The Board of Education has the right to place restrictions on its use to assure that use of the District's computer system is in accord with its limited educational purpose. Student use of the District's computers, network and Internet services ("Network") will be governed by this policy, the related guidelines and the student disciplinary process.

The Board encourages students to utilize the Internet to develop the resource sharing, innovation, and communication skills and tools that are essential to both life and work. The instructional use of the Internet will be guided by the Board's policy on instructional materials.

The Internet is a global information and communication network that provides an incredible opportunity to bring previously unimaginable education and information resources to our students. The Internet connects computers and users in the District with computers and users worldwide. Through the Internet, students and staff can access up-to-date, highly relevant information that will enhance their learning and the education process. Further, the Internet provides students and staff with the opportunity to communicate with other people from throughout the world. Access to such an incredible quantity of information and resources brings with it, however, certain unique challenges.

First, and foremost, the Board may not be able to technologically limit access to services through the Board's Internet connection to only those that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study and research related to the curriculum. Unlike in the past when educators and community members had the opportunity to review and screen materials to assess their appropriateness for supporting and enriching the curriculum according to adopted guidelines and reasonable selection criteria (taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students who would be exposed to them), access to the Internet, because it serves as a gateway to any publicly available file server in the world, will open classrooms and students to electronic information resources which have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages.

The Board utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor online activity of students and to block/filter access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. "Harmful to minors" is a term defined by the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)) as any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

- A. taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
- B. depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals;
- C. taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

At the discretion of the Board or the District Administrator, the Technology Protection Measure may be configured to protect against access to other material considered inappropriate for students to access. The Technology Protection Measure may not be disabled at any time that students may be using the Network, if

such disabling will cease to protect against access to materials that are prohibited under the Children's Internet Protection Act. The District Administrator or designated administrator may temporarily or permanently unblock access to sites containing appropriate material, if access to such sites has been inappropriately blocked by the Technology Protection measure. The determination of whether material is appropriate or inappropriate shall be based on the content of the material and the intended use of the material, not on the protection actions of the Technology Protection Measure. The District Administrator or designee may disable the technology protection measure to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Parents are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Parents assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Parents of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. The Board supports and respects each family's right to decide whether to apply for independent student access to the Internet.

The District Administrator is directed to prepare guidelines which address students' safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic communications, and prohibit disclosure of personal identification information of minors and unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking") and other unlawful activities by minors online.

Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for your education. The School District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and remain the property of the School District and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

Staff members will participate in professional development programs, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of this policy. Training shall include:

- A. the safety and security of students while using e-mail, chat rooms, social networking sites and other forms of electronic communications;
- B. the inherent danger of students disclosing personally identifiable information online; and,
- C. the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking"), cyberbullying and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students or staff online.

Furthermore staff members shall provide instruction for their students regarding the appropriate technology use and online safety and security as specified above.

The disclosure of personally identifiable information about students online is prohibited.

Building principals are responsible for providing training so that Internet users under their supervision are knowledgeable about this policy and its accompanying guidelines. The Board expects that staff members will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of the Internet. All Internet users (and their parents if they are minors) are required to sign a written agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its accompanying guidelines.

Students and staff members are responsible for good behavior on the Board's computers/network and the Internet just as they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. The Board does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its accompanying guidelines. Users who disregard this policy and its accompanying guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them. Users granted access to the Internet through the Board's computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by this Board policy and its accompanying guidelines.

The Board designates the District Administrator and principals as the administrators responsible for initiating, implementing, and enforcing this policy and its accompanying guidelines as they apply to students' use of the Network.

H.R. 4577, P.L. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000
47 U.S.C. 254(h), (1), Communications Act of 1934, as amended
20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,
as amended
18 U.S.C. 2256
18 U.S.C. 1460
18 U.S.C. 2246

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ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Each student and her or his parent/guardian must sign this Agreement before being granted use of the District's computer system. Read this Agreement carefully before signing.

Prior to signing this Agreement, read 7540.03 (Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety). If you have any questions about policy, contact your student's principal.

I have read this Agreement and Policy. I understand that access to the system is intended for educational purposes and the School District of Sevastopol has taken precautions to eliminate or block inappropriate material. I also recognize, however, that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all inappropriate material and I will not hold the District responsible for information acquired on the computer system. Misuse of the system may result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student's printed name _____

Grade _____

I have discussed the terms of this agreement and policy with my student. I grant permission for my student to use the system and for the District to issue an account for my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed parent/guardian name _____