Vashon Island School District No. 402

Internet and Computer Use Agreement

Internet Use

As a student, I will have the opportunity to use the Internet to accomplish educational goals.
I know that with the freedom to use the Internet comes the responsibility to use it wisely.
I understand that misuse of the Internet tools available to me reflects badly upon me and my school community, and could cause me to lose these privileges.

These are some of my responsibilities:
1. I will not give strangers personal information about myself or my parents, such as:
     a. My home, work and school addresses or telephone numbers.
     b. Credit card, social security, or drivers license numbers.
2. I will never send anyone any personal information or my picture without my parents' or teacher's permission.
3. I will not respond to messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get this kind of message, and I will tell my teacher or parents immediately if I receive one.
4. I will alert my parents or teacher immediately if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
5. I will never agree to get together with someone I have only "met" on-line.
6. I will honestly represent myself on-line.
7. I will never use the Internet in an immoral or hateful way.
8. I will not install programs, games, personal music or videos on any school computer or fileserver.
9. I will not play online games or participate in auctions or similar activities while at school unless give permission by a teacher or staff member.
10. I will conduct myself on-line as I would conduct myself in any public place, keeping in mind that I am representing my family and my community..
11. I will use COMMON SENSE on-line.
12. I will have fun and learn. The Internet is a treasure chest of information on every imaginable subject, and I will take the best advantage of my access to it.

Computer Use

The primary purpose of the Vashon Island School District's network and related resources is to support and enhance learning. VISD is committed to providing ready network access since it supports the District's commitment to integrating technology into all appropriate areas of learning. In accordance with the mission of the Vashon Island School District, students and staff should use the VISD network in a responsible, ethical, respectful and legal manner. Users of the VISD network assume responsibility for understanding these procedures and guidelines. Use of the VISD network that conflicts with these guidelines may result in loss of access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are expected to respect VISD property and be responsible for using the equipment appropriately. Users may be held liable for any intentional damage or negligence in caring for computers and/or peripherals.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Vashon Island School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. **The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance**.

Computer Use- Terms and Conditions

I) <u>Acceptable Use</u> - The use of your computer account must be in support of educational mission and goals of the District. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also

prohibited. Appropriate use should always reflect academic honesty, high ethical standards, and moral responsibility. Appropriate student use implies respect for intellectual property, ownership of data, system security mechanisms, and for individuals' rights to privacy and rights to freedom from intimidation, harassment, and unwarranted annoyance.

All existing laws and District policies apply to the use of District computer workstations, including those that apply generally to personal conduct. In order to assure that these workstations remain available and in good working order, the following expectations have been established:

PLEASE READ WHAT YOU ARE AGREEING TO CAREFULLY:

Students agree NOT to:

a) install programs, including Shareware, free ware, and games of any kind on District computers or file servers.

b) participate in online shopping, auctions, gambling, and game playing.

c) alter desktop settings, passwords, or to edit startup files.

d) use the district network to gain unauthorized or inappropriate access to any computer system.

e) engage in any form of vandalism, including but not limited to, damaging computers, computer systems or networks, and/or disrupting the operation of the network.

f) use computing resources to post obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language to websites, blogs, discussion boards, or lists outside the school network. This also includes posting of information that could cause danger or disruption, engaging in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.

g) use "pirated" copies of software on school equipment.

h) Students agree to not store or copy personal music or videos not specifically for school related activities to any computer or file server.

j) Use proxy websites to circumvent District content filters to gain access to blocked websites.

2) <u>Privileges</u> - **The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.** The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Vashon Island School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3) <u>Network Etiquette</u> - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.

b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of other students .

d) Note that electronic mail (email) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be public property.

4) <u>Security</u> - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If

you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator or your District Internet Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. You should be aware that no computer security system, no matter how elaborate, can absolutely prevent a determined person from accessing unauthorized information. While we will attempt to provide a reasonable level of confidentiality for information stored on the network, we cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of any information stored on it. Therefore, if there is any information that must remain confidential, you should not store it on the network. Privacy of other users should be protected. Do not try to learn others' passwords; or access, copy, or change others' files without the users' prior permission. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

5) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, Trojans, hacking software, etc. **Serious violations may result in expulsion or criminal charges.**

6) Vashon Island School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Vashon Island School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This include loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by it's own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Vashon Island School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

_____ My Signature

_____ My Printed Name

_____My Parent's Signature

_____ Printed Name

_____Date