

Last Name of Student _____

NOME CITY SCHOOLS Acceptable Technology Use Agreement for Grades 7-12

Student's Name: _____

Grade _____

Introduction

I understand that Nome City Schools provides a technology rich environment to enhance student learning. Technology is an integral part of my educational experience as a student and my use of it must support the educational objectives of the school district. I agree to comply with the expectations of the school district and use technology in a responsible and appropriate manner. I understand that the school district's definition of technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, peripherals, electronic devices, software, Internet, e-mail, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants and the district network. My use of the district's technology is a privilege. I am responsible for the appropriate use of all technology to which I have access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rights and Responsibilities

Internet access and e-mail usage is a privilege not a right. Students are ultimately responsible for proper behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school and district rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required and students who do not have such permission are responsible for not accessing the Internet at school.

Access entails responsibility. Individual users of the District computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over the network. It is expected that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files, activity and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on District servers are always private. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students to appropriate materials.

Terms of Acceptable Technology Use Agreement

1. I am personally responsible to use school district technology only in support of education, research, and the educational goals and objectives of Nome City Schools.
2. I will not access or attempt to access personal web pages, instant messages, chat rooms, forums, e-mail, message boards, or host personal web pages, except school-approved, teacher-supervised filtered Internet communication while on the District network.
3. I understand that Nome City Schools is not liable for any harm or injury that I may suffer as consequence of any inaccurate information the user may obtain through the Internet and Electronic Mail services. By entering into this User Agreement, I agree to be bound by this release of liability and waive any and all rights to assert claims which may arise due to use of these electronic services.
4. I will not transmit any material prohibited by United States statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material; threatening, pornographic, or obscene material; or material protected by trade secret.
5. I will not use school equipment or the network to harass or bully other individuals.
6. I will not use school district technology, including computers, e-mail addresses, or web pages for commercial, non-profit, political, or religious purposes.
7. If I have any questions about these rules, I will ask my teacher to help me understand them.
8. I am aware that the inappropriate use of technology and electronic information resources can be a violation of school rules, resulting in discipline, including loss of technology privileges. Violation of local, state, and federal laws may result in consequences including prosecution for violating these laws.

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9. I will maintain the security of the school district's technology. I will report all security problems with district computers to the system administrator immediately. I will only demonstrate the problem to my teacher, an administrator and/or support technicians. I will never use another individual's account or reveal my password to anyone. I understand that if my behavior creates a security risk, I may be denied access to technology and may be disciplined and/or prosecuted.

10. I agree not to alter the district's pre-set software image.

11. I agree not to use personal technology on school grounds or during school sponsored activities or utilizing any aspect of school district technology in a manner that violates the terms of this acceptable use of technology agreement.

12. I agree not to misuse technology. This means I will not attempt to physically deface, disable, or destroy computers, peripherals, or other network hardware, to harm or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system, to gain access or attempt to gain access to unauthorized systems, or to access inappropriate materials from school computers. I understand that my misuse of technology may result in loss of technology privileges, disciplinary action, and/or possible legal referral. I understand that Board Policy 6161.2 DAMAGED OR LOST MATERIALS applies to all District technology.

13. I am aware that School Board Policy 6161.4 INTERNET and accompanying regulations govern my use of technology at the school district.

14. I agree to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to:

Nome City Schools Rules of Network Etiquette

- BE POLITE: I will never create or transmit, or tell others to create or transmit mean or hurtful messages or inappropriate images.
- USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE: I will never swear, use other inappropriate language, or threaten or embarrass others.
- RESPECT PRIVACY: I will not tell my home address or phone number; or give out full names, addresses or phone numbers of family members, or the full names, addresses or phone numbers of other students.
- AVOID DISRUPTIONS: I will not use technology in any way that would disrupt its use by others.
- BE HONEST: I will always use my real name when using technology. I will not post or transmit anonymous messages or represent a message to have been written by someone else. I will always sign all messages I send with my name and e-mail address.
- *BE RESPONSIBLE: If a site has been blocked by the district I understand that it is not a district approved website. I will only use district-approved websites and will not use methods to by-pass blocked sites. If I think a site has been blocked in error I will speak with my teacher or a member of the Technology Department in an effort to have the site's block removed.

I have read and understand the NOME CITY SCHOOLS Acceptable Technology Use Agreement for Grades 7-12 and agree to the terms and conditions of school board policy, administrative regulation, and this agreement on the acceptable use of technology at the school district.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date