Students

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USAGE REGULATIONS

Please read this document carefully before signing. The signature(s) at the end of this document is(are) legally binding and indicate(s) that the signing party(ies) has(have) read all of the terms and conditions of this policy carefully and understand(s) their significance.

This agreement is entered into this date _______________________, between “Student” and the Adrian Public School District (hereinafter referred to as “District”). The purpose of this agreement is to establish guidelines for access by Students to the District’s electronic information network, including, but not limited to, computer hardware and software, Internet access, electronic mail and electronic bulletin boards (hereinafter referred to as the “Technology”). Access to Technology is provided to the Student for educational purposes.

In exchange for the privilege of using Technology, the undersigned agree(s) as follows:

A. The use of Technology is a privilege that may be revoked by the District at any time and for any reason or for no reason. Student agrees to comply with all District policies relating to the District’s electronic information network. Improper use of Technology may also give rise to further disciplinary action consistent with this agreement and/or the student handbook or code of conduct.

B. The Student and his or her parents or guardians acknowledge that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial material through the use of Technology.

C. The Student and his or her parents or guardians acknowledge that the Student does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in his/her use of the District’s Technology or any part of it. The District reserves the right to monitor Technology, including, but not limited to, network access, Internet use and electronic mail.

D. Technology access is provided for educational use by the Student. Use of Technology for commercial purposes or other unauthorized purposes is expressly forbidden.

E. Technology resources are intended for use exclusively by registered users. The Student is responsible for the use of his/her account password and access privileges. Any problems that arise from the use of his/her account are the responsibility of the Student. Use of an account by someone other than the account holder is forbidden and
may result in loss of access privileges. Any loss of security in an account password or in access privileges must be reported immediately to an appropriate Teacher or Administrator.

F. Any misuse of Technology access privileges may result in suspension or revocation of access privileges and/or other disciplinary action as determined by the District. Misuse includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Intentionally accessing or attempting to access files, data or information without authorization.
2. Impersonating another user. This includes attempting to login through another person's account or accessing another person's files.
3. Activity which is detrimental to the stability and security of Technology, including but not limited to the intentional or negligent introduction of computer viruses and vandalism or abuse of hardware or software.
4. The transmission or voluntary receipt of material which would constitute a violation of federal or state law, including, but not limited to, copyrighted material; harassing, abusive, threatening material; material protected as a trade secret; defamatory statements; material which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy; or any material which would reasonably be considered to be discriminatory on the basis of sex, race, national origin or religion.
5. The transmission or voluntary receipt of material which is sexually explicit or obscene.
6. Unapproved use of recreational programs or communications during the school day.
7. Illegally installing, downloading, copying or using copyrighted software.
8. Intentionally interfering with the use of Technology by others.
9. Intentionally wasting Technology resources such as disk space, printer ink or paper.

G. The District does not warrant that Technology will meet any specific requirements that the Student may have, that service will not be interrupted or that information obtained through use of Technology will be accurate or complete. The District will not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental or consequential damages (including but not limited to lost data, information or time) sustained or incurred in connection with use of or inability to use the Network by the Student. Use of Technology and any information or data obtained through use of Technology is at your own risk.

H. The Student may transfer files, shareware and other software from the Internet or electronic bulletin board services, subject to paragraph J below. Any file or program that is suspected of containing a virus must be immediately and permanently deleted. Any Student who transfers a file or program, which infects Technology with a virus and causes damage may be liable for any and all repair costs necessary to make Technology fully operational and may also be subject to other discipline as determined by the District.
I. The Student may not transfer files, shareware or other software from the Internet or electronic bulletin board services if any fee or cost would be incurred without the permission of both the Instructor and the Director of Technology. The Student will be liable to pay any costs or fees incurred as a result of any transfers without such express permission regardless of whether the transfer was intentional or accidental.

J. Students violating any provisions of this Technology Usage Regulations face disciplinary action. The District reserves discretion to determine appropriate discipline and will consider the nature and severity of the violation. Possible disciplinary actions include:

- Suspension or revocation of Technology access.
- Require additional training as a precondition to continued use of Technology.
- Financial restitution for any unauthorized expenses or damages.
- Confiscation of inappropriate materials.
- Additional disciplinary action consistent with the student handbook or code of conduct.

In addition, the District may refer violations to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Nothing herein shall be construed as providing that the District must find a violation of the agreement in order to suspend or revoke the access privileges of a Student. Use of Technology is a privilege and not a right, and the District reserves discretion to suspend or revoke access privileges.

K. These Technology Usage Regulations are subject to change without notice. The Director of Technology will post any changes to the Technology Usage Regulations in an appropriate location on the network.

In consideration of the privilege of using Technology, I hereby release the District, its employees, agents and individual members of the Board of Education from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of my use or misuse of Technology or Technology equipment. I agree to use Technology responsibly and to abide by the rules and regulations set forth herein and as may be added from time to time by the District.

I have reviewed these Technology Usage Regulations with my parents or legal guardians (or I have reached the age of 18).

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Signature of Student             Date
The following section must be completed for all students who have not reached the age of 18.

As the Student’s parents or legal guardians, we have read and agree to these Technology Usage Regulations and have discussed it with our son or daughter. We understand that Technology access is a privilege provided for educational purposes. We understand that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial material. We hereby release the District, its employees and agents and individual members of the Board of Education from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of our son’s or daughter’s use or misuse of Technology or Technology equipment. In addition, we agree to indemnify the District for any fees, expenses or damages incurred as a result of our son’s or daughter’s use or misuse of Technology or Technology equipment.

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Signature(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)    Date