

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE INTERNET, NETWORK AND EMAIL USE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the use of Internet, email, network resources, and digital content in the Thompson School District is consistent with the district's mission, goals, and objectives. The district requires all users in the Thompson Schools to read, sign, and agree to the terms of the following Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Student use of district technology resources accessed from off campus and use of personal technology devices while on or near school campus, in school vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities, shall also adhere to the terms of this agreement. The Thompson School District reserves the right to modify terms and conditions at any time. The latest version is available from the district website at www.thompson.k12.co.us. Please read this document carefully before signing.

Telecommunications and networked services have significantly expanded the informational and instructional resources available to schools "and individual students". Access to these resources will enable students to expand their learning horizons as they explore thousands of libraries and databases while exchanging information with other users across the globe. Providing students with opportunities to develop skills to effectively locate, evaluate, and ethically use such resources is fundamental in the preparation of contributing citizens and future employees.

The goal of the Thompson District in providing these services is to promote educational excellence in the district and to facilitate resource sharing, innovation and communication. In addition, the system will be used to improve school and district communication, enhance productivity, and assist students in upgrading their skills. The system will also assist the district in sharing information with the local community, including parents, social service agencies, government agencies, and businesses.

The access and resources available are to be used for educational purposes only. With access to information and people all over the world comes the possibility of accessing material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The district has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate or offensive materials. Secure Computing SmartFilter filtering and Secure Computing Sidewinder firewall systems are in use that meet CIPA (*Children's Internet Protection Act*) mandates, but it is impossible to control the quality of all materials that might be accessed. We firmly believe that the value of information and interaction available through the network far outweighs the possibility that users may encounter material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. Smooth operation of this network depends on the proper conduct of the users. In general, such conduct involves efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. This document contains guidelines to make you aware of the responsibilities expected of you as a Thompson School District Internet/network/email user. If you violate any of these provisions, your account will be terminated. Depending on the nature of the violation, you may also be denied access to the Internet/network/email and/or be subject to other disciplinary or legal action.

The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed it have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Internet/Network/Email - Terms and Conditions of Use

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on the school district computer networks and email accounts, just as they are in a classroom or on a school campus. General rules and policies for

behavior and communications in the district apply. Users are subject to all local, state and federal laws. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

2. The network and email accounts are provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. They are to be used for educational and other school related uses only. Access is a privilege - not a right, and is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of privileges and may also result in other penalties. Authorized personnel may close an account at any time as warranted. The administration, faculty and staff may also request authorized personnel to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
3. Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network and email etiquette and to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while utilizing network and email resources. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Do not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, disrespectful, threatening or inflammatory language or swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Harassment and personal attacks, including the use of prejudicial, discriminatory, racist or sexist language, are prohibited.
 - c. Do not reveal personal information such as name, age, addresses, telephone numbers, or location, and do not reveal such information about others, except in District staff approved, protected situations. We encourage the responsible use of an online user identity.
 - d. Do not repost or forward personal communications without the sender's consent.
 - e. Do not use the network or email messages in a way that disrupts the use of the network by others. Abuse of resources is prohibited, such as the sending of annoying or unnecessary messages to a large number of people or other functions that might restrict or interrupt data flow.
4. Users are not permitted to use computing resources for personal gain or commercial purposes, including advertising or purchasing products or services, political lobbying or campaigning, promoting personal or religious ideas or causes, or inciting action by others.
5. Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit or publish any defamatory, prejudicial, discriminatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. Students should not knowingly transmit, submit or publish inaccurate material. Students should notify school officials of any known infractions.
6. Any attempt to harm, alter, or destroy data of another user or any data on the network or related systems or agencies is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, emailing or creation of computer viruses.
7. Damaging or altering computer systems or related hardware is prohibited. This can include installing or removing software/hardware without authorization. Electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to computers, networks, email accounts, files or data may result in cancellation of privileges and/or further disciplinary and/or legal action.
8. Users must comply with all licensing and copyright laws. This includes the use of

audio/video/graphics/software/text as well as the use of media distribution systems such as SAFARI, ETR, and CCTV. Copyright guidelines are available at every school library media center; misuse or plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.

9. Security on any network system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users are prohibited from giving out passwords, using someone else's password, or impersonating other users on the network, Internet or email system. If you think you can identify any security problem on the district's computers or networks, you must notify authorized personnel or a school official. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Security infractions may result in cancellation of privileges and/or further disciplinary action.
10. Thompson School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. We assume no responsibility or liability for any charges, costs or fees, nor for any damages that a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by accident, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet, network or email accounts is at your own risk. The district specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
11. Although electronic communication and information is generally treated as private property, users on the district network do not have personal rights of privacy in anything they create, receive, send, or store on or through the network, on district computer systems, or through district-provided email accounts. Authorized personnel (which may include a student's parents or legal guardians) may review files and documents to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. The principal or designee also may review files, documents, email, or communication forums. Documents, files or emails related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
12. Web pages placed on the school network and/or Web server must be reviewed by authorized personnel to ensure that they adhere to the student code of conduct and the Guidelines for Thompson School District Web sites. Unauthorized access to and/or altering of web sites may result in disciplinary and/or legal action.
13. Users are not permitted to use Internet chat rooms or instant messaging because of the potential danger to users and to network security. To protect student and system privacy and safety, it is a violation for anyone to directly access an Internet chat room through any Thompson School District computer unless specifically assigned by a teacher. Should anyone unintentionally enter a chat room site or encounter inappropriate content, he/she must immediately disconnect from that site and report the information to a teacher. Use of specific instructional Internet or network conferences through First Class or other closed, teacher-monitored environments are permitted.
14. Student participation in non-teacher initiated and moderated instructional use of blogs, wikis, social networks, games or other interactive electronic environments is prohibited.
15. Any violation of this policy will result in serious consequences which may include loss of computer privileges up to one year, dismissal from computer related classes, loss of all Internet/network and/or email access, a temporary ban from computer labs, and/or other consequences imposed by school district policies and/or local, state or federal law, where applicable.

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THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT
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I understand and will abide by the Board policy on Internet, Network and Email use. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User's Full Name: _____ Grade or Graduation Yr. _____

User's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian:

I have read the Internet/Network/Email Use Agreement and discussed it with my student. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Thompson School District has taken precautions to eliminate inappropriate material, and students will not access unfiltered materials. I also recognize it is impossible for Thompson School District to restrict access to all inappropriate materials, and I will not hold the district responsible for materials acquired on the network nor will I hold the school district responsible for any financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the Internet or school email accounts. Further, I accept full responsibility for my child's technology use when not in a school setting, or when using personal technology devices while on or near school campus, in school vehicles, and at school-sponsored activities. I hereby give permission for my student to use the Internet/network/email accounts and certify that the information on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name: (Please Print): _____

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- * If at any time you would like to revoke this permission, notify the school office.
- * This agreement must be submitted for school transfers and all incoming 6th and 9th graders.
- * Individual schools may, at their discretion, require more frequent submissions.
- * If you feel it is necessary to make specific modifications to this permission form, notify the school office.

This space reserved for Network Administrator

Assigned User Name: _____

Assigned Password: _____