

CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT INTERNET USE GUIDELINES/AGREEMENT

Responsible and safe use of the Internet is of the utmost importance to the District. Students and teachers are able to use this resource as a powerful tool to gather information and perform research. Users are able to connect to businesses, libraries, museums, government offices, and other schools throughout the world.

The Internet is a public medium where all types of information are accessible. Individuals shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, or disruptive or that could be construed as harassment. Rules that commonly apply to school conduct will be linked to Internet communications and the use of any telecommunications technology. Violation of District policies, regulations, and the responsibilities stated below can result in revocation of a student's privilege of access and use without prior notice, formal discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Access to services such as social networks, messaging, videos, and picture libraries will be controlled and monitored to prevent exposure to inappropriate content. No right of privacy exists when using the District network or technology. The District will treat unacceptable Internet information like it would any other form of potentially offensive and/or harmful material. The District encourages use of this valuable educational tool but will not condone inappropriate exchange of information on the Internet.

Students will not try to circumvent, defeat, or disable any of the security means the District has put in place to secure its network. Students shall not upload, download, use, or create malicious software or attempt to harm or destroy District equipment or materials or the data of any other students or staff.

Students must not copy intellectual property of other persons without giving credit. Plagiarism, whether in print or non-print media, and violation of copyright laws will not be condoned.

Students shall use the District's system safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes. Commercial, political, and/or personal use unrelated to an educational purpose is strictly prohibited.

Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board Policy, or Administrative Regulation.

Students shall not use District technology resources or District access to the Internet to bully, threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students, staff, or others.

Students must report immediately to anyone in the technology department, teacher, and/or principal any of the following:

- Any security breach, virus, or illegal use involving a District computer.
- Receipt of any threatening or unwelcome communication directed at them or any other individual including, but not limited to, sexual harassment or bullying.

The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Each student shall keep account information, social security number, home address, telephone numbers, and other personally identifiable information private except when requested by District administration and/or staff. Each student shall use the system only under the account number to which he/she has been assigned.

Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, display, or in any way transmit harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that could be construed as harassment, bullying, or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, nationality, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs. Harmful matter includes material, taken as a whole, which to the average person applying contemporary statewide standards appeals to the prurient interest and is matter that depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

Students shall not use the system to promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board Policies or Administrative Regulations, or this agreement. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to:

- Use of software or programs that erase or conceal Internet use history and/or electronic file removal.
- Creation of computer viruses.
- Malicious attempts to harm or destroy District equipment/materials or to manipulate the data of any other user, including so called "hacking."

Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities without prior approval from the District.

Students shall not attempt to interfere with another user's ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, impersonate, or forge another user's email. Damage; improper access to files; alteration of files,

passwords, or computer systems; or improper use of information obtained by unauthorized means may be grounds for discipline and/or referral to law enforcement.

Any liability created by a computer user will be the personal responsibility of that individual computer user. Students and their parents/guardians agree not to hold the District or its staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user's mistakes or negligence. Students and their parents/guardians agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District and its personnel for any damages or costs incurred as a result thereof.

The District and its representatives will not be held responsible for loss of data from the computer system, breaches of security, service interruption, nor for the accuracy or inaccuracy of information received or disseminated through its computer system.

Students must have proper authorization prior to using any District computer. To verify receipt and understanding of Internet use guidelines, each students and their his/her parent/guardian must sign this document.

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The Student Internet Use Guidelines/Agreement is a legally binding agreement. Users must sign this document in order to receive an Internet account. Please read it carefully.

I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the Student Internet Use Guidelines/Agreement and will assume responsibility for appropriate use of the Internet. This includes responsibility for reporting any misuse of the Internet to appropriate District staff as described above.

Student:

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NETWORK RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

(If user is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must also read and sign this Agreement.)

As the parent/guardian of the student user named above, I have read the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) Student Internet Use Guidelines/ Agreement. I understand that access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes, and that CVESD has taken precautions in an attempt to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize it is impossible for CVESD to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold CVESD responsible for materials acquired or accessed on the network.

Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian:

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

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