

## **STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

You are being given access to Galena Park ISD's Network and the Internet. GPISD's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating and providing communications for resource sharing, collaborative work, databases, software, and other information sources such as libraries and museums. Access to Internet resources also brings the possibility of encountering 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 controversial materials; however, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. Although an industrious user may discover controversial information, the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may discover material that is not consistent with District educational goals.

The successful operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to strict guidelines. The following rules of acceptable use are provided so that users are aware of the ethical and legal responsibilities associated with the use of network resources.

### **Rules of Acceptable Use:**

#### **A. General Use:**

- Access to the District's electronic communication system is a privilege, not a right. Failure to comply with applicable regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies.
- Students shall keep their passwords confidential.
- Students may not use another person's system account or Email account.
- Students are prohibited from changing any computer settings and/or configurations.
- Students may not install any software, including but not limited to commercial software, shareware, freeware, original software and/or utilities onto school computers or networks.

#### **B. Internet/Electronic Communications Use:**

- Access to the Internet is made available to students exclusively for instructional purposes and in accordance with administrative regulations. Students are to visit only Internet sites, which are appropriate for students and support District learning objectives.
- GPISD electronic communications are not private. Network administrators will review electronic communications and logs of Internet sites visited to verify appropriate use.

#### **C. Computer Ethics:**

- Students must abide by copyright laws.
- Students are not allowed to access, copy or transmit copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or pornography.
- Any malicious attempt to harm, modify, or destroy District equipment or materials, data of another user, or any other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited and will be viewed as a violation of District Policy.

#### **D. Consequences**

- Violation of any of the policies described above may result in disciplinary actions which could include:  
Loss of network privileges, detention, suspension, placement at Center For Success, expulsion, criminal charges, financial responsibility for all costs associated with system restoration including labor, hardware or software repair/ replacement, and restoring the integrity of data,

#### **E. Disclaimer of Liability**

- The District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communications resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The District shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

**STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) SIGNATURE PAGE**

*GPISD reserves the right to require renewal of the AUP and this signature page as needed.*

**Student Signature Section:** (Please print)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Student Agreement for Acceptable Use of the Electronic Communications System. I understand the possible consequences for violation of the rules stated in the agreement.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature Section:**

I have read and understand the Student Agreement for Acceptable Use of the Electronic Communication System. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District’s electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to public network, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child’s use of, or inability to use, the system, including without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District’s policy and administrative regulations.

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to use the District’s computers, electronic communications system/ Internet access, word processing and use of educational software. I certify that the information on this form is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission for my child to use the District’s electronic communications system/ Internet access. However, my child may still use computers for purposes such as word processing and use of educational software.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_