

NETWORK ACCESS APPLICATION: STUDENT/PARENT-GUARDIAN

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT. THIS IS AN AGREEMENT THAT MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE A STUDENT WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO A NETWORK ACCOUNT.

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The following are highlights from the School District of Indian River County's Network Acceptable Use Policy, which may be viewed in its entirety on-line at www.indianriverschools.org. It is imperative that, parents/guardians, and students enrolled in the School District of Indian River County, read and understand this policy. The parent signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties have read and understand the terms and conditions for Network and Internet Access. Please sign and return to your child's teacher. Students will acknowledge their understanding of the guidelines on-line at school.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of some material that may not be considered to be of educational value within the context of the school setting. The School District of Indian River County will make every effort to direct participants to educationally relevant material.

According to the School District of Indian River County Information Network Acceptable Use Policy, the board views information retrieval from the network in the same capacity as information retrieval from reference materials identified by schools. Even with the established firewall in place, on a global network it is *impossible* to control all materials and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information. In an effort to block any inappropriate material, SDIRC has installed filtering software, which examines all Internet traffic and discards unacceptable material.

At school, each student's access to and use of the network will be under the teacher's direction and monitored as a regular instructional activity. Instructional personnel are responsible for teaching proper techniques and standards for participation, for guiding student access to appropriate sections of the network, and for assuring that students understand that if they misuse the network they will lose their privilege to use classroom accounts. Internet use is for specific, predetermined, school related research only. Undirected Internet use is not allowed. Students must avoid intentionally wasting limited network resources.

Students may access the network using only their assigned account. Use of another person's account is prohibited. Students may not allow others to use their accounts.

- Chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications are prohibited.
- Downloading of files to district hard drives is prohibited.
- Students may not use the internet/network to engage in "hacking" or other unlawful activities.
- Students may not intentionally obtain copies of, or modify files, data or passwords belonging to others, or misrepresent others on the network.
- Any attempt to view other district computers or computer resources across the network is prohibited.
- Any use of the Internet for commercial purposes, advertising, or political lobbying is prohibited, as is transmission of any material in violation of State or Federal law or regulation, or District policy.
- Information gathered from the Internet used in student reports or projects should be cited the same as references to printed materials.
- Disclosure of personal identification of minors via the Internet is prohibited, except as expressly authorized by the minor student's parent/guardian.
- The district is not responsible for damage suffered by loss of data, delays, or interruptions of service.

Network access is a privilege designed solely for educational purposes. The district's network facilities are to be used in a responsible, efficient, and legal manner in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the School District of Indian River County. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in **suspending or revoking** the offender's privilege of access, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions.

Parents and/or Guardians recognize that it is impossible to restrict unsupervised access to all information or materials on the network and will not hold the School District of Indian River County responsible for materials acquired on the network. Additionally each network user must acknowledge their understanding of the guidelines in the Information Network Acceptable Use Policy as a condition of receiving a network account.

Student User's Full Name (Please Print): _____ **ID #** _____ **GRADE** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **DATE** _____