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Computer Use Background Information

The Board of Education's policies and procedures regarding the acceptable use of district computer systems place an obligation on both the district and the students and staff that use its technology. (The Board's computer use policies are in part 4526 of the district's Policy Manual. The entire manual is on the BoardDocs part of the district's website [<http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/wcsd/Board.nsf>]. Once there, click "Enter Public Site" and then the "Policies" link at the top of the next page.)

The intent of the district's computer user agreement is to provide students and staff with the general requirements and guidelines for utilizing the district's technology, networks, and Internet services. Because contemporary computer use and Internet use are intertwined, this agreement must be signed by staff and by students (and their parents or guardians) prior to their use of district computers and networks. The District no longer maintains a separate agreement that applies just to the Internet.

A. Access to the Wappingers Central School District's Technology, Networks, and Internet Services.

- 1) The district offers equal access to computers.
- 2) The district will respect privacy rights while prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding students and staff.
- 3) The district will provide a safe venue for computer use through the use of Internet filters and staff supervision. It is recognized that the district cannot control everything that appears on a computer screen.
- 4) Use of the district's systems is a privilege, rather than a right, subject to revocation by the district.

B. Acceptable Use.

- 1) Students and staff will use computers and Internet services responsibly for educational purposes and not for non-educational, unlawful, or harmful purposes.
- 2) Students and staff will respect the rights of others.
- 3) Students and staff will follow copyright rules.

C. Prohibited Uses.

The following uses, though not intended to be all-inclusive, are among those considered unacceptable and are expressly prohibited. If a student has a question regarding whether a particular activity or use is acceptable, he or she should seek guidance from their teacher or principal or the District's Office of Technology, Testing, and Assessment. Staff should direct their questions to the Office of Technology, Testing, and Assessment. Violations will be handled in accordance with authorized disciplinary

procedures. Penalties may include, but are not limited to the revocation of computer access privileges; formal (or informal) disciplinary procedures; and (where appropriate) referral to law enforcement.

- 1) Any use that is illegal or in violation of district policy, including harassing, cyberbullying, discriminatory or threatening communications and behavior, and violation of copyright or the law.
- 2) Any use involving materials that are defamatory, obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, or otherwise inappropriate for a public school district.
- 3) Any misuse of computer passwords or accounts, including the sharing of personal passwords or accounts with others or using another person's files, system, or data without permission.
- 4) Using district computers, networks, and Internet services after such access has been denied, suspended, or revoked.
- 5) Sending "mass" emails without authorization from an appropriate administrator.
- 6) Engaging in conduct which district administrators can reasonably forecast as creating a material and substantial risk of disruption to the order and discipline of the school.
- 7) Commercial activity.
- 8) Any misuse or damage to the district's technology, including web space (blogs and wikis, for example). Such misuse or damage includes but is not limited to:
 - a) Any attempt to delete, erase, or otherwise conceal any information stored on the district's network.
 - b) Any malicious use or disruption of the district's computers, networks, and Internet services, or breach or attempt to circumvent or subvert system security features, whether from within or outside the District's systems (for example, through the use of a proxy server).
 - c) Engaging in an activity harmful to computer or network systems or to any information stored on such systems (for example, by creating viruses, damaging files, disrupting service, or changing, copying, renaming, deleting, reading, or otherwise accessing files not created by the user without permission from a system administrator).
 - d) Making, using, or installing illegal copies of copyrighted software or files and storing them on district systems or sending them to other networks.
 - e) Using district servers to store personal files, such as music or personal photographs, without a system administrator's permission.

D. Additional Topics.

- 1) The district retains control, custody, and supervision of all computers, software, networks, and Internet services owned or leased by the district.
- 2) Students and staff have no expectation of privacy in their use of district computers including, but not limited to, personal email, private files, and stored files.
- 3) The district reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by users and to review on-line activities.
- 4) Students and staff should avoid disclosing personal information through the Internet without the specific permission of a parent or adult supervising computer use.

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2016-2017 STUDENT COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT

Please sign this form and return to your child's school. You should keep the **Computer Use Background Information** form for your own records.

- I desire to be given access to the district's computers, networks, software, and Internet connection.
- I have read the District's *Computer Use Background Information* form.
- I understand that I will use computers and the Internet for educational purposes and not for non-educational, unlawful, or harmful purposes.
- I understand that I will follow the directions of the adult supervising an area with computers.
- I understand that I will follow generally accepted rules of network etiquette, interpersonal relations, and regard for property.
- I understand that violations of these guidelines will be dealt with in a manner consistent with district codes of conduct.

Please Print Student Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

HR Teacher: _____ HR#: _____

Note: According to Board of Education Policy, if the account holder is a student under the age of 18, such student's parent or guardian must complete the following:

As parent/guardian or **person(s) in parental relation** to this student, I have read the Wappingers School District's Computer Use Background Information form. I understand that computer and Internet access is for educational purposes and that both the District and its staff and students are responsible for appropriate use of computer systems. I also recognize and understand that while the District maintains filtering systems and other network safeguards, it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial materials on the Internet and I will not hold them responsible for materials that my child may acquire on the Internet.

I hereby give permission for the school district to provide my child with access to district computers, networks, and the Internet.

Please Print Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____