

Wheatland School District Technology Usage Agreement

Parents/Students: The following guidelines are provided so that students will be aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the Internet. If any Wheatland School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Internet---Terms and Conditions of Use

- 1) **Acceptable Use** – The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Wheatland School District. Use of any other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- 2) **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student or teacher who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a Wheatland School District staff member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The District administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the District administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty and staff of Wheatland School District may request the site principal to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
 - b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
 - d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

From time to time, the school may wish to publish examples of student projects, group photographs, and other work on an Internet accessible World Wide Web server. Pictures used on the Wheatland School District's websites will include students when they are involved in projects, when they are in large groups, or when their student group receives recognition. The use of student photographs on the website will include the use of first name/last initial only. Selected school materials to be published on the web could include art work, written papers, videos, class projects and/or computer projects.

Student:

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms in the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that, as a user on the Wheatland School District network, I am responsible for appropriate behavior when using any Wheatland School District technology resource.

I understand that any or all of the following disciplinary actions could be imposed if I break any of the rules in the policy:

- (1) loss of access to any technology resources such as but not limited to computers, printers, the Internet, and/or video equipment;
- (2) additional disciplinary action determined as appropriate at a specific school by school staff; and/or
- (3) legal action, when applicable.

I also understand that this agreement will be binding during my entire career in the Wheatland School District.

Parent signature will suffice if a student can neither read nor write.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian:

My child may use the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined in the agreement.
(Circle one) yes no

My child's picture may be published on the Internet using his/her first name/last initial only.
(Circle one) yes no

My child's selected school materials may be published on the Internet.
(Circle one) yes no

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____