

**COMPUTER NETWORK, INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT
FOR ALL STUDENTS
2010-2011 School Year**

The **Western Reserve Local School District** is pleased to make available to all students access to interconnected computer systems within the District and to the Internet, the world-wide network that provides various means of accessing significant educational materials and opportunities.

In order for the **Western Reserve Local School District** to be able to continue to make its computer network and Internet access available, all students must take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this access. All students must understand that one individual's misuse of the network and Internet access may jeopardize the ability of all to enjoy such access.

Upon reviewing, signing, and returning this Policy and Agreement, students will be given access to the network and Internet access at School and will agree to follow the Policy. If a student is under 18 years of age, he or she must have his or her parents or guardians read and sign the Policy. The **Western Reserve Local School District** cannot provide access to any student or user who fails to sign and submit the Policy to the School as directed or, if under 18, does not return the Policy and Agreement as directed with the signatures of the student and his/her parents or guardians.

Listed below are some provisions of your agreement regarding the computer network, Internet use, and other technologies. Other technologies may be defined as, but are not limited to, telephones, storage devices, reader devices, video cameras and other technologies as they are implemented. If you have any questions about these provisions, you should contact the District Director of IT (Michael McGill) or your building principal. If any user violates this Policy and Agreement, the individual's access will be denied, if not already provided, or withdrawn and s/he may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

I. Personal Responsibility

By signing this Policy and Agreement, you are agreeing not only to follow the rules in this Policy and Agreement, but are agreeing to report any misuse of technology to a teacher or administrator. Misuse means any violations of this Policy or any other use that is not included in the Policy, but has the effect of harming another or his or her property.

II. Term of the Permitted Use

Students will be asked to sign a new Policy and Agreement each year during which they are students in the **Western Reserve Local School District** before they are given access.

III. Purpose and Use

A. The School District is providing access to its computer networks and the Internet for educational purposes only. If you have any doubt about whether a contemplated activity is educational, you may consult with District Director of IT or the person(s) supervising the activity to help you decide if a use is appropriate.

The following are uses that are unacceptable under any circumstances:

- Installation of any software, sharing of passwords, or making changes in workstation configuration in an attempt to bypass content filters and/or Internet access restrictions.
- the transmission of any language or images which are of a graphic sexual nature
- the transmission of any material, jokes, pictures, or other materials which are obscene, lewd, vulgar, or disparaging of persons based on their race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation
- the transmission of messages or any other content which would be perceived by a reasonable person to be harassing or threatening
- uses which constitute defamation (libel or slander)
- uses which violate copyright laws
- uses that attempt to gain unauthorized access to another computer system or to impair the operation of another computer system (for example, the transmission of a computer virus or an excessively large e-mail attachment)
- any commercial or profit-making activities
- any fundraising activities, unless specifically sponsored by our schools.

IV. Privacy

Electronic transfer and storage of information is provided as a tool for your education. The **Western Reserve Local School District** reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network, Internet access, and other technologies, and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and remain the property of the **Western Reserve Local School District** and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

V. Failure to Follow Policy and Breach of Agreement

The use of the computer network, the Internet, and other technologies is a privilege, not a right. A user who violates this Policy and breaches his/her Agreement, shall at a minimum, have his or her access to the computer network, Internet, and other technologies terminated, which the **Western Reserve Local School District** may refuse to reinstate for the remainder of the user's tenure in the **Western Reserve Local School District**. A user breaches his or her Agreement not only by affirmatively violating the above Policy, but also by failing to report any violations by other users that come to the attention of the user. **Further, a user violates this Policy and Agreement if he or she permits another to use his or her account or password to access the computer network and Internet, including any user whose access has been denied or terminated.** The **Western Reserve Local School District** may take other disciplinary action.

VI. Warranties/Indemnification

The **Western Reserve Local School District** makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its computer networks, the Internet, and other technologies provided under this Policy and Agreement. It shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages or costs (including attorney's fees) of any kind suffered, directly or indirectly, by any user or his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) arising out of the user's use of these technologies under this Policy and Agreement. By signing this Policy and Agreement, users are taking full responsibility for his or her use,

and the user who is 18 or older or, in the case of a user under 18, the parent(s) or guardian(s) are agreeing to indemnify and hold the **Western Reserve Local School District**, Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association that provides the computer and Internet access opportunity to the **Western Reserve Local School District** and all of their administrators, teachers and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims or damages resulting from the user's access to its computer network , the Internet, and other technologies, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchases of goods or services by the user. The user or, if the user is a minor, the user's parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to cooperate with the School in the event of the School's initiating an investigation of a user's use of his or her access to its computer network, the Internet, and other technologies whether that use is on a School computer or on another's outside the School District.

VII. Updates

Users, and if appropriate, the user's parents/guardians, may be asked from time-to-time to provide new or additional registration information or to sign a new Policy and Agreement, for example, to reflect developments in the law or technology.

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USER agreement: Every student, regardless of age, must read and sign below for access to the District network, the Internet and other technologies. Log-on access will not be given to students until this form is completed and returned.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of the foregoing Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement. Should I commit any violation or in any way misuse my access to the Western Reserve Local School District 's computer network, the Internet, and other technologies. I understand and agree that my access privilege may be revoked and School disciplinary action may be taken against me.

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Home phone: _____

User signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

I am 18 or older _____ I am under 18 _____ Birthdate: _____

If I am signing this Policy and Agreement when I am under 18, I understand that when I turn 18, this Policy and Agreement will continue to be in full force and effect and agree to abide by this Policy and Agreement.

Parent or Guardian Network Usage Agreement (to be read and signed by parents or guardians of students who are under 18):

*As the parent or legal guardian of this student, I have read, understand and agree that my child or ward shall comply with the terms of the **Western Reserve Local School District 's Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement** for the students' access to the **Western Reserve Local School District 's computer network, the Internet, and other technologies.** I understand that access is being provided to the students for educational purposes only. However, I also understand that it is impossible for the School to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials and understand my child's or ward's responsibility for abiding by the Policy and Agreement. I am therefore signing this Policy and Agreement and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School, the **Western Reserve Local School District** and Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association that provides the opportunity to the **Western Reserve Local School District** for computer network and Internet access against all claims, damages, losses and costs, of whatever kind, that may result from my child's or ward's use of his or her access to such technologies or his or her violation of the foregoing Policy and Agreement. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's or ward's use of his or her access account if and when such access is not in the School setting. I hereby give permission for my child or ward to use the approved account to access the School District's computer network, the Internet, and other technologies.*

Parent/Guardian Name: (Please print clearly) _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF IT _____ DATE ENTERED _____