

GENERAL INTERNET RULES FOR INTERNET ACCESS BY STUDENTS at NEWPORT 2005-2006

Background Information on Acceptable Use Policy

Newport provides access to the Internet for students and staff. Students must have permission from at least one parent or guardian to access the Internet at school. The use of an Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action by school officials.

A student's activities while using the Internet in this school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of our school.

A student accessing the Internet from school is responsible for all online activities which take place through the use of electronic equipment (school or personal).

Student's Agreement

I agree that the following actions (which are not inclusive) constitute unacceptable use of the Internet:

- using impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages;
- placing unlawful information on the Internet;
- using the Internet at school for non-school related activities, including chat rooms, email etc.;
- using the Internet for commercial purposes;
- changing any computer file that does not belong to the user;
- sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission;
- knowingly giving one's password to others;
- using another person's password;
- using Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network;
- circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks;
- attempting to gain access to another's resources, programs, or data;
- vandalizing, which is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet, and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses;
- falsifying one's identity to others while using the Internet;
- changing any computer files that do not belong to the user.
- downloading music files or other files for personal non-educational use

I have read the policy on Acceptable Use of the Internet and I understand fully and agree to abide by the principles and guidelines it contains. In addition, I have read and agree to refrain from those actions listed above which are considered unacceptable to the proper use of Internet resources.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Agreement

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the above Acceptable Use Policy for Internet Access. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that employees of the school board may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials on the Internet. I will not hold them responsible for materials my child acquires as a result of the use of the Internet from school facilities. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of the Internet is conducted outside the school setting. I hereby give my permission to my child's school to permit my child to access the Internet on equipment provided on the school site.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____