

STUDENT COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE CONTRACT

Park County School District #16 (hereinafter called District) and Meeteetse Schools have actively pursued making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to our students. With the INTERNET in place, students must understand and practice proper and ethical use.

CONDITIONS AND RULES OF USE

1. **Acceptable Use:**

The purpose of Internet is to facilitate communications in support of research and education by providing access to unique and resources and an opportunity for collaborative work. To remain eligible as a user, all Internet use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the District. All users of the Internet must comply with existing rules and Acceptable Use Policies which are incorporated into this document and are available through the District.

Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisements or political lobbying is also prohibited.

2. **Privilege:**

The use of Computers/Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege. Park County School District #16, under this agreement, is delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, revoke, or suspend any use of the Internet at any time based upon a determination of inappropriate use by a user.

3. **Monitoring:**

Meeteetse Schools personnel and the District reserve the right to review any material on user accounts and/or computers and to monitor file server space in order to determine if specific uses of the computers/network are inappropriate.

4. **Computer/Network Etiquette:**

All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of computer/network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.

Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Do not engage in activities which are prohibited under state or federal law.

Do not reveal the personal address, phone number or credit card numbers of yourself, other students, or colleagues.

Note the electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities and will result in the loss of user privileges. It is also possible that other penalties may be invoked.

Do not use the Internet in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

All communications and information accessible via the Internet should be assumed to be the private property of the user who put it on the network.

5. **No Warranties:**

Meeteetse Schools and the District make no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service it is providing. Meeteetse Schools and the District **will not** be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delay, no-deliveries, mis-delivers, or serve interruptions caused by Meeteetse Schools or the District's negligence or by the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Meeteetse Schools and the District specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through it serves. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain and consider how valid that information might be.

6. Security:

Security on any computer system is high priority, especially when the system involves many users. A user must never allow others to use his/her password. Users should also protect their password to ensure system security and their own privileges and ability to continue the use of the system.

If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users.

Attempts to log onto the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges.

Any user identified as a security risk for having a history of problems with other computer system may be denied access to the Internet by Meeteetse Schools or District.

7. Vandalism and Harassment:

Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation or user privileges.

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify, and destroy any components of the machines, destroy data of another user, Internet, or other network that area connect4ed to the District Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the introduction of viruses.

Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another use, or the interference of another use’s work. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted mail.

8. Encounter of Controversial Materials:

Users may encounter material which is controversial and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. However, on the Internet, it is impossible to control the content of data and a user may discover controversial materials. It is the user’s responsibility not to initiate access to such material. If such material is inadvertently encountered, the link to it must be terminated immediately. Meeteetse Schools will not be held liable for any decision to restrict or regulated access to Internet materials.

PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER USE

Generally, with the first offense after in-servicing has taken place, the student will lose the right to access the Internet and/or use District computers. A list of students who have been denied Internet access will be published and distributed to the administration and teaching staff of Meeteetse Schools on a regular basis.

In addition, pursuant to State of Wyoming, any unauthorized Internet access, attempted access, or use of any state computing and/or network system is violation of Wyoming law and/or other applicable federal laws, and is subject to criminal prosecution.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my access to the Internet appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, vandalism, and other issues described above. Tampering with components of the computers or the network also constitutes misuse.

User Name: _____

User Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____