

PENTWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to provide the procedures, rules, and guidelines, for the use of technology and the information network, hereinafter referred to as Network, for educational purposes to the Student.

DEFINITION:

The definition of the information network is any configuration of hardware and software that connects users. The network includes all of the computer hardware, operating system software, application software, stored text, and data files. This includes electronic mail, local databases, externally accessed databases, CD-ROM, DVD, recorded magnetic or optical media, clip art, digital images, digitized information, communications technologies, and new technologies as they become available. Stand-alone workstations are also governed by this acceptable use procedure.

INTRODUCTION:

The school district's telecommunications network is intended for legitimate business and educational purposes only. As a monitored telecommunications network, no stated or implied guarantee is made regarding the privacy of electronic mail (e-mail) or any other telecommunications transmitted or received over this network. Successful operation of the network requires that all users conduct themselves in a responsible, decent, ethical and polite manner while using the network. The user is ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing network services. The intent of this contract is to ensure that all students will comply with Network and Internet acceptable use policies implemented by the Pentwater Public School District.

GUIDELINES:

In exchange for the use of the Network/Internet resources at school, I understand and agree to the Pentwater Public Schools' Acceptable Use Procedures that follow:

A. I am aware that the school district reserves and will exercise the right to review, audit, intercept, access and disclose all matters on the school district's e-mail systems at any time, with or without notice, and that such access may occur during or after the regular school day.

B. The use of the Network is a privilege that may be revoked by Pentwater Public

Schools at any time for inappropriate usage. Such usage includes, but is not limited

to:

- the placing of unauthorized information, computer viruses or harmful programs on or through the computer system in either public or private files or messages
- intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users

- misrepresenting other users on the Network
- disrupting/altering the operation of the Network through abuse of the hardware or software
- malicious use of the Network through hate mail, harassment, profanity, vulgar statements or discriminatory remarks
- interfering with others use of the Network
- use of the Network to access inappropriate materials
- unauthorized copying, or use of licensed or copyrighted software
- allowing anyone to use an account other than the account holder
- printing materials not considered educational use
- **checking of email or visiting social networking sites (Myspace/Facebook, etc.) during class time (Email and social sites may only be accessed before/after school and during student lunch period.)**
- use of data disks brought from home or outside the school building
- use of chat rooms

**Pentwater Public Schools reserves the right to remove files, limit or deny access, and refer the student for other disciplinary action if misuse occurs. Any misuse of the account will result in immediate suspension of account privileges and/or other disciplinary action as determined by the District.**

- C. The District reserves all rights to any material stored in files which are generally accessible to others and remove any material which the District, at its sole discretion, believes may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. Students will not use their District-approved computer accounts to obtain; view, download, or otherwise gain access to such materials.
- D. All information services and features contained on District or Network resources are intended for educational use of its registered users and any use of these resources for commercial-for-profit or other unauthorized purposes (i.e. advertisements, political lobbying), in any form, is expressly forbidden.
- E. The District and/or Network resources are intended for exclusive use by their registered users. The Student is responsible for the use of his/her account/password and/or access privilege. Use of the account by someone other than the registered account holder is forbidden and may be grounds for loss of access privileges and subject to disciplinary actions for violations of the guidelines. Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account (their user name and password).
- F. The District reserves the right to log computer use and to monitor fileserver space utilization by users. The Student will diligently delete personal files and assignments from their home directory to avoid excessive use of the network server

disk space. The District reserves the right to remove a user account on the Network to prevent further unauthorized activity.

- G. The Student may not transfer files, shareware, or software from information services and electronic bulletin boards without the permission of Pentwater Public Schools. Without such permission, the Student will be liable to pay costs/fees for any file, shareware, or software transferred, whether intentional or accidental. For each file received through a file transfer, the Student is responsible for assuring that the file is checked with a virus-detection program before opening the file for use. Should the Student transfer a file, shareware or software which infects the Network with a virus and causes damage, the student may be held liable for any and all repair costs to make the Network once again fully operational and may be subject to other disciplinary measures as determined by the District.

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law enacted by Congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. CIPA imposes certain types of requirements on any school or library that receives funding for Internet access or internal connections from the E-rate program – a program that makes certain communications technology more affordable for eligible schools and libraries. In early 2001, the FCC issued rules implementing CIPA. More recently, Congress enacted additional protections for children using the Internet. Pentwater Public Schools follows these guidelines by implementing content filter that is renewed annually from CIPAFilter 700 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. East Moline, IL 61244.

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**Please sign and return this form to the school as soon as possible.**

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TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

In consideration for the privilege of using the District and/or Network resources, and in consideration of having access to the information contained on the Network, or by the Network, I hereby release Pentwater Public School District, its operators, and administration from any and all claims of any nature arising from my use, or inability to use the District and/or Network resources.

I agree to abide by such rules and regulations of system usage as may be further added from time-to-time by the District and/or Network. These rules will be available in hardcopy form in the School's office.

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Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student Name

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Grade

As the student's parent or legal guardian, I agree to this agreement and will reimburse the District for any fees, expenses, or damages incurred as result of my child's use or misuse of the Network or equipment.

(Please sign and return to the Pentwater Public School Office so that your student's network account can be activated.)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date