



# AGREEMENT FOR USE OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES Grades 6-8

Please read this agreement carefully. When signed by you and your child, **it becomes a legally binding contract.** Please return the signed Agreement to your child’s teacher in order for your student to use electronic resources such as the internet.

**1. GUIDELINES: I will abide by guidelines which include but are not limited to the following:**

- a. **BE POLITE:** Never send, or encourage others to send abusive messages.
- b. **USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE:** Remember that you are a representative of your school and District on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you do can be viewed globally! Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
- c. **DO NOT ENGAGE IN CYBERBULLYING.** Cyberbullying includes the transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.
- d. **PRIVACY:** Do not send any message that includes personal information such as your name, home address or phone number of yours or any other person. Report to your teacher any person who asks for personal information or violates your personal privacy.
- e. **ELECTRONIC MAIL:** Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to your teacher.
- f. **MISUSE:** Report any misuse of the network system to your teacher/principal. This includes opening files that are not yours or visiting internet sites that contain material irrelevant to your assignment.
- g. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**
  - Keep messages brief.
  - Minimize spelling errors and make sure your message is easy to understand and read.
  - Use accurate and descriptive titles for your articles.
  - Get the most appropriate audience for your message, not the widest.
  - Remember that humor and satire is very often misinterpreted.
  - Cite references for any facts you present or material you use.
  - Electronic resources are to be used for educational purposes only and under the direction of a teacher.
  - Remember that all network users are people who deserve consideration. Don’t “attack” correspondents; persuade them with facts.

**2. SERVICES: SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT** makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing.

**3. VANDALISM:** Never open, move, delete, or trash any application or files that are not yours.

**4. INTERNET:** Internet may only be accessed by students under the direction of a district staff member.

**5. SECURITY:** Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you identify a security problem, notify your teacher at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Any misuse of your access is your responsibility. You must log off before leaving your computer station.

I understand and will follow the guidelines listed in this document. I understand that the use of this electronic service is a privilege, and inappropriate use will result in the loss of that privilege.

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*Student Name (Please Print)*

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*Parent or Guardian Signature* *Date*

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*Student Signature* *Date*

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*Teacher Signature* *Date*