

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title: Student Use of the Internet

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Policy Statement:

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. The guidelines are provided in this policy under implementation. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources for academic purposes only, and not for entertainment purposes. As students/staff use this network, it is essential that each user on the network recognizes his/her responsibility in having access to the vast services, sites and people. The user is ultimately responsible for his/her actions in accessing network services and for adhering to District-wide policies, procedures and guidelines. If a Hortonville Area School District user violates these provisions, his/her account may be terminated and future access could be limited or denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who have signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Rationale:

Computer networks, including the Internet and NovaNET, offer vast diverse and unique resources to both students and staff. The goal of the Hortonville Area School District in providing these services to staff and students is to promote learning by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to have educational value in the context of the school setting. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all material and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on a network far outweigh the possibility that users may produce material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Scope: District-wide

Responsibility:

The enforcement of this policy shall be the responsibility of all professional staff.

Implementation:

1. Through network access, learners will:
 - a. Utilize a personalized, motivational learning opportunity.
 - b. Enter into partnerships to enhance their learning options.
 - c. Gain an employability skill needed for the 21st century.
 - d. Broaden their problem-solving and decision-making abilities.
 - e. Broaden their research capabilities by using primary materials.
 - f. Develop their higher-level thinking skills.
 - g. Access global resources.

President _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____

2. Privileges

The network hardware and software is the property of the Hortonville Area School District. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a Hortonville Area School District faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The system administrator(s) may close an account at any time as required. The administration may request the system administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

3. Acceptable Use

The use of an account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Hortonville Area School District. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. 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 activity is prohibited. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

4. Network Etiquette

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

- a. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other abusive language.
- b. Do not reveal your personal address or phone number to students or colleagues.
- c. Do not share your password and do not use others' accounts.
- d. Note that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e. Do not use the network to harm or harass others (e.g. sending unwanted e-mail/chain e-mail messages).
- f. Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others (e.g. downloading excessively large files).
- g. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

5. Disclaimer

The Hortonville Area School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by its own negligences or user's errors or omissions. The Hortonville Area School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

6. Security

Users must notify a systems manager of security problems. Users should not demonstrate the problem to other users. Users should not use another individual's account. Attempts to log in as a systems administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems will be denied access to the network.

7. Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or wiring, as well as the data of another user. This includes, but it not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Associated Information: Wisconsin State Statutes 118.13, 121.02(1)(h)

Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 8.01(2)(h), PI 9.03

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COMPUTER NETWORK USE AGREEMENT

FOR THE STUDENT

I understand and will abide by Policy #5062 Student Use of the Internet. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges will be revoked, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User Name (*please print*): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the above. I understand that this access is intended and designed for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for the Hortonville Area School District to restrict all controversial materials and I will not hold it responsible for materials acquired by use of the network. Further, I fully accept responsibility for supervision, if and, when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (*please print*): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____