

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

Before any student may enhance his/her school career through participation in the School's computer network, s/he and his/her parents must sign an agreement which defines the conditions under which the student may participate. Failure to abide by all of the terms of the agreement may lead to termination of the student's computer account and possible disciplinary action up to and including suspension from School or referral to law enforcement authorities.

MADISON-GRANT UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION **STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

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The School Board is committed to the effective use of technology to both enhance the quality of student learning and the efficiency of Corporation operations. It also recognizes that safeguards have to be established to ensure that the Corporation's investment in both hardware and software is achieving the benefits of technology and inhibiting negative side effects.

The Corporation is directed to establish administrative guidelines to ensure that students and staff are making appropriate and ethical use of computers, other equipment and networks. The Corporation shall establish administrative guidelines which comply with federal and state laws and are in accordance with any guidelines promulgated by the State Department of Education.

The Superintendent shall also ensure that staff and students are adequately informed about disciplinary actions that will be taken if Corporation technology and/or networks are abused in any way or used in an illegal or unethical manner.

The Madison-Grant United School Corporation recognizes its responsibility to educate students regarding appropriate behavior on social networking and chat room sties about cyber-bullying. Therefore, students shall be provided instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyber-bullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyber-bullying.

Network and Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines:

The Madison-Grant United School Corporation provide network and Internet (hereafter referred to as Network) access to

- support the achievement of Indiana academic standards
- enhance the development of 21st Century skills
- provide access to information
- encourage innovation and creativity

Network access is a privilege, not a right, and as such, users take seriously the responsibilities associated with signing this user agreement.

Users should **NOT** use the Network to

- access, create, send or receive, store, or display obscene materials
- create or send threatening or libelous communications or communications which include vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language
- access or use other individuals' accounts, information, or files without permission
- access websites, files, or other information or resources using passwords not specifically assigned to themselves
- pursue commercial or for-profit endeavors
- waste district resources
- damage, disable, or otherwise disrupt the operation of the Network
- violate any local, state, or federal statutes, including but not limited to copyright law
- access equipment not supplied by Madison-Grant United School Corporation, such as laptops, cell phones, pdas, iPods.

Users who find themselves inadvertently accessing inappropriate materials or resources are directed to immediately and discretely terminate that access and report the incident to a teacher.

Users are directed to exercise caution while online regarding the disclosure of personal information such as name, age, gender, home address, telephone number, and are encouraged not to respond to unsolicited online contacts and to report to a teacher any online contacts which are frightening, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate.

It is the joint responsibility of students, parents, and staff members of the school district to assure the appropriate and effective use of technology to both enhance the quality of student learning and the efficiency of district operations. The smooth and reliable operation of the Network is dependent upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to stated guidelines.

Madison-Grant United School Corporation Network User Agreement
Signature Page for K-6 Student:

User: _____

By signing below, I agree to the following:

1. I promise to use all computer and electronic equipment carefully and not damage or change the hardware, software, settings or the network.
2. I promise never to use any form of electronic communication to frighten or bully anyone.
3. I promise to use the computer and the Internet for schoolwork only. I will use the programs and websites that my teacher has approved.
5. I will not view, send or display inappropriate messages or pictures.
6. I promise to tell an adult if I read or see something on the computer that is inappropriate.
7. I promise to obey copyright laws and to use information honestly.
8. I promise to print only when my teacher tells me to.
9. I understand that if I break any of my promises, I might not be able to use the computers and other electronic equipment.

User first and last name: _____
(PRINT)

User signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian:

____ Yes, as the parent/guardian of this student I have read the Madison-Grant United School Corporation Network and Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines and I will help my student abide by them. I understand that any violation of these responsibilities may result in the revocation of access privileges, disciplinary action and / or legal action if deemed appropriate.

Parent signature _____