

03/03

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Student's Last Name: _____

Student's First Name: _____

Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____ mo. day year

Directions: After reading the River Road ISD's **Internet Safety Policy**, please read and fill out the appropriate portions of the following contract completely and **legibly**. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for students currently under the age of 18. Please return the contract to your student's school.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (If the applicant is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must read and sign this agreement.)

As the parent or guardian of this student I have read and agree to the Appropriate use of Technology Resources. I understand that technology resources are designed for educational purposes and the student named below is expected to use the resources according to the specified guidelines. I have discussed these guidelines with the student and believe he or she has an understanding of them. I also recognize that it is impossible for RRISD to completely control information available to students through the Internet and I will not hold the student's school or the River Road Independent School District or any one of its employees responsible for materials this student may acquire on the network. I hereby give my permission for the student named above to use the Internet, and other technology resources, at school and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print):

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening Phone Number: _____

Student's Full Name (please print):

Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Student's Current Grade: _____

Your relation to the student: _____

STUDENT Because I have discussed my school use of technology, including the Internet, with the parent or guardian listed above and, read RRISD's Internet Safety Policy, I understand why technology and the Internet are available to me at school and will abide by the rules stated in the Terms and Conditions. I agree to limit my use of the Internet in school to school work or those things directly related to further education, getting or learning about a job or community service activities. I also understand that I must follow school rules when I use the computers. I know that if I don't follow the rules, I may not be permitted to use school technology and school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student's Name (please print):

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Internet Safety Policy

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Please read the following carefully before signing the attached agreement.

The River Road Independent School District offers access to an array of technology resources, including the Internet. This access offers vast, diverse, and unique resources and is provided to students and school personnel to promote educational excellence in the River Road district. The purpose of this document is to inform parents, guardians and students of the availability of the technology resources as well as the rules governing its use and to obtain express parental or guardian permission for an individual student to use the Internet while at school. It is a joint responsibility of school personnel and the parent or guardian of each student to educate the student about his or her responsibility when using the technology, especially the Internet. Parents are expected to discuss with their children the school and district technology rules as well as their own expectations for their student's Internet use.

THE INTERNET

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world that gives students and teachers access to a variety of rich, educational resources. The World Wide Web includes some information specifically designed for children and youth, up-to-the-minute scientific information, Supreme Court documents, and other information that is traditionally difficult to obtain in the school environment. Information on the Web is presented richly in text, pictures, sound and video. Though students are provided a network log-in, the access described here does not provide students with their own RRISD Internet e-mail address or the ability to store World Wide Web pages on RRISD web servers. The educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. Because the Internet is composed of information provided by institutions and people all over the world it does include material that is not of educational value in the context of the school setting. There is information that may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented or illegal. RRISD does not condone or permit the use of this material and does use a commercial filtering tool to protect students from adult material on the Internet, to the extent possible. Parents and guardians must be aware that these technological tools are not completely fail-safe and while at school, direct supervision by school personnel of each student using a computer is desired, but not always possible. Students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with the rules below and will be held responsible for their intentional use. If a student accidentally accesses inappropriate material she or he should back out of that information at once and notify the supervising adult.

PROPER & ACCEPTABLE USE OF ALL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

The use of the school and district technology resources, including the Internet, must be used in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of the River Road Independent School District.

Activities that are permitted and encouraged:

- school work;
- original creation and presentation of academic work;
- research on topics being studied in school;
- research on opportunities outside of school related to community service, employment or further education.

Activities that are not permitted:

- plagiarism or representing the work of others as one's own (any text quoted from another source or any idea that is another person's idea must be cited properly in the assignment);
- searching, viewing or retrieving materials from the Internet that are not related to school work, community service, employment or further education (thus, searching or viewing sexually explicit, profane, violence promoting or illegal materials is not permitted);
- intentional transmission of viruses or other destructive computer files;
- copying, saving or redistributing copyrighted material (students should assume that all material is copyrighted unless explicitly noted);
- subscription to any online services or ordering of any goods or services;
- online sharing of any student's name, home address, phone number or other personal information;
- playing games and using interactive World Wide Web sites such as chats, instant messaging, or free email services unless specifically assigned by a teacher;
- any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state or federal law.

If a student has any questions about whether a specific activity is permitted, he or she should ask a teacher or administrator.

VANDALISM

Any intentional act by a student which damages technology equipment will be considered vandalism and subject to school rules and disciplinary procedures. Any intentional act that requires a person's time to repair hardware, replace software or perform corrective network operations is also considered vandalism.

RELIABILITY

River Road Independent School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. RRISD will not be responsible for any damages suffered by the user. This includes non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or the errors or omissions of users. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. RRISD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet.

MISUSE

Violation of the acceptable use rules may result in suspension or revocation of a student's access to technology resources. Any action taken by a student that is in violation of a school rule will be subject to the usual disciplinary actions as shown in the District's, Student Code of Conduct handbook.