

## **Melrose-Mindoro School District INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

**(Please read this document carefully before signing. The Internet Use Agreement must be signed and returned to the Principal before gaining access to Internet.)**

We are pleased to bring this access to the Melrose-Mindoro School District and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resources sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Teachers and students will have access to Internet World Wide Web information resources through their classroom, library or school computer lab.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Melrose-Mindoro School District will take precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Melrose-Mindoro School District) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If a Melrose-Mindoro School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her access could possibly be denied. The signature at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

### **INTERNET – TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) **Acceptable Use** – The use of your access must be in support of education and research consistent with the objectives of the Melrose-Mindoro 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 U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening and obscene material or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school employees any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 2) **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. You should expect only limited privacy in the contents of your personal files on the District system. The situation is similar to the right you have in the privacy of your locker. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to the discovery that you have violated this policy or the law. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated this policy or the law. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. In the event there is a claim that you have violated this policy, your internet privileges may be revoked, you will be provided with a written notice of the suspected violation and given an opportunity to present an explanation before an administrator.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following: a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others. b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden. c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone

numbers of students or colleagues. d) Note that electronic mail (e-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 in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. f) You will not repost a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message.

- 4) Melrose-Mindoro School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Melrose-Mindoro School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer, this includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Melrose-Mindoro School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- 5) Security – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify your system administrator or your District Internet Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to Internet.
- 6) Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and you will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item and law enforcement may be contacted as deemed necessary. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or Internet. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

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

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Student's Signature

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Date