

# Jamestown Elementary School District Internet Responsibility Contract

Jamestown School District has access to the Internet- a collection of thousands of interconnected computer networks around the world that allows almost instantaneous sharing of information.

Students and staff will have access to college and university libraries, information and news from a variety of sources and research institutions, software of all types, and electronic, mall and discussion groups on a wide variety of topics, and much more.

Jamestown School District strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes the potential of such to support our curriculum and student learning in our district. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. We also want to take every precaution to protect students and staff from any misuses or abuses of this worldwide service.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the potential availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. There may be some material or individual communications - which are not suitable for school-age children.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree not to:

- Send or receive messages that indicate or suggest unethical or illegal solicitation, threatening or obscene material, racism, sexism, inappropriate language or other issues deemed inappropriate by the school staff.
- Use Internet for financial or commercial gain
- Reveal personal names, home addresses or phone numbers, or the names, addresses and phone numbers of others
- Use copyrighted material in reports without permission
- Copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files
- Vandalize hardware, software and/or network systems

BE PREPARED to be held accountable for your actions and for the loss of privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.

Use of the district's computer systems is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas may be treated like other school property. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and insure that students are using the system responsibly. Any one can read what you write. Consequences for violating the behavior standards outlined above include:

- Loss of technology privileges from 1 month to 1 year, depending on the severity
- Repayment of any damages caused to equipment
- Suspension/expulsion

In order to use the Internet, students and parents must sign the agreement on the back of this page to indicate understanding of the conditions of responsibility and return this form to their child's teacher.

**Parent or Guardian**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that it is designated for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the school. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described in this document.

I understand that my child is responsible for his or her behavior, and agree to the consequences set up by Jamestown School.

By signing this agreement, I authorize the District to publish my student's work on it's website. I give the District permission to use any photographs of my student pertaining or relating to school activities on it's website.

Parent or Guardian Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student**

Please copy the following code of conduct in your own handwriting and sign below.

I will strive to act in all situations with honest, responsibility, common sense, and respect for the rights of others and help others to behave in a similar fashion. I will make a conscious effort to be of service to others and to the school community. I understand and agree to the consequences of inappropriate use of the Internet.

Student Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_