

## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY/CONTRACT

The Internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students. It is a global network making it impossible to control all that is available. Because information appears, disappears, and changes constantly, it is not always possible to predict or control what students may locate. **Internet service is a privilege, not a right.**

**Please determine whether you would like your child/children to be granted Internet access and return this permission form to school.** (For households with more than one child, please have all students in your family sign below if they are to be granted Internet access.)

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### 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Student #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian: Please check one of the following choices:**

- I give permission for my child to be granted Internet access.
- I request that my child be denied access to the Internet from date of this request for the balance of the school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Parent/Guardian)

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

**If you have granted your child Internet access,** please have him/her respond to the following.

**Student(s): Access to the Internet will be denied if the following are not initialed by you and signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and agree to abide by it.  
I understand that I will lose my Internet privileges if I do not follow this policy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay for costs incurred by accessing any Internet services that have a cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay for repairs or replacement costs incurred by my inappropriate use of school equipment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Internet access is a privilege, not a right.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student #1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student #2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student #3)

**Please return this form to the school office by July 31, 2017.**

## **Notre Dame Regional High School INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY/CONTRACT**

Notre Dame Regional High School strives to provide and utilize Internet electronic information. The school strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes their potential to support its curriculum and student learning. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Notre Dame Regional High School will make every effort to protect students from any misuses or abuses as a result of experiences with an information service. However, users may encounter material which is controversial, and which users, parents, teachers, or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. On a global network it is impossible to effectively control the content and data; **it is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material.**

**Please read this document carefully. Once you and your parent/guardian sign this document, it becomes a legally binding contract. We must have your signature where indicated, and that of your parent/guardian, before we can provide you with Internet service.**

Listed below are the provisions of this contract. If a user violates these provisions, access to the information service will be denied and the user may be subject to disciplinary action. **THE USE OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT. INAPPROPRIATE USE WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS PRIVILEGE.** The site teacher will decide what is appropriate use. His/her decision is final.

**INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCT** - A safe environment for all members of the school community should be a hallmark of a Catholic school. This is accomplished, in part, by fostering a climate based on Gospel values that emphasize dignity of and respect for all persons. Words, actions, or depictions which violate the privacy, safety, or good name of others are inconsistent with that goal. **Whether occurring within or outside of school**, when students jeopardize the safe environment or act contrary to those Gospel values, they can be subject to disciplinary action by the school.

This policy applies to communications or depictions through e-mail, text messages, or web site postings, whether they occur through the school's equipment or connectivity resources or through private communications, which: 1) are of a sexual nature; 2) threaten, libel, slander, malign, disparage, harass or embarrass members of the school community; or 3) in the principal's discretion, cause harm to the school, or the school community (collectively referred to as "Inappropriate Electronic Conduct"). Inappropriate Electronic Conduct shall be subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences, including withdrawal for cause (expulsion).

Unacceptable conduct and/or illegal interaction with the information service is strictly prohibited. This includes actions such as

1. Email is provided solely for the purpose of exchanging information consistent with the mission of Notre Dame Regional High School; therefore, **NO EMAIL OR CHATTING FOR PRIVATE USE WILL BE ALLOWED.**
2. The use of commercial activities for profit or product advertisement is prohibited.
3. Addition or deletion of files to the hard drive is prohibited.
4. Vandalizing the system and damaging the software components is prohibited.
5. Any use of the school Internet for illegal purposes is prohibited.
6. The use of the school Internet facilities to access obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.
7. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance is prohibited.
8. Sending material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited.
9. Subscriptions to bulletin boards and on-line services must be pre-approved by the site teacher.
10. Users will respect the rights of property of others and will not improperly access, misappropriate, or misuse the files, data, or information of others.
11. Users are responsible for taking precautions to prevent viruses.
12. Email will not be used to solicit products or services.
13. **Email messages are subject to school review at any time.**

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