

NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Acceptable Use Policy

for Electronic Information Resources

Introduction: Electronic information resources are available to qualifying students in the North Summit School District. These resources include access to the school Local Area Network, North Summit School District Wide Area Network, and Internet services. Our goal in providing electronic services to students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, access to current research information, innovation, and communication.

Scope: Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies as well as regional and state networks. With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of materials that may be considered to be inappropriate, illegal, or of no educational value in the context of the school setting. The North Summit School District has taken available precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials.

The North Summit School District Internet System is being filtered and monitored through the Utah Educational Network (UEN). Students who abuse acceptable use or who access or attempt to access inappropriate or illegal Internet sites will be identified and will be subject to discipline, including the termination of school computer access, and the possibility of suspension or expulsion from school.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students who must adhere to strict guidelines, rules, and regulations. Acceptable use agreements are designed so that students are aware of the responsibilities they take upon themselves. In general, their responsibilities necessitate acceptable, ethical, legal, and appropriate utilization of the electronic network resources.

Terms and Conditions of this Acceptable Use Agreement: Each student applying for an account will participate in a discussion with a teacher regarding proper behavior and use of the network. The student signature at the end of this Acceptable Use Agreement is legally binding. The combined signatures also indicate the student and parent/guardian have carefully read and understand the terms and conditions of appropriate use, and agree to abide.

1. **Privileges:** The use of electronic information resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of suspension or expulsion), and/or referral to legal authorities. The principal, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator may limit, suspend, or revoke the use of the network and/or Internet access.
2. **Acceptable Use:** Acceptable use means that a student uses the Internet and other electronic information resources in an appropriate manner, abiding by the rules and regulations as described in this agreement.

Transmission or receipt of any inappropriate material, or material in violation of law or district policy is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material; threatening or obscene material; material protected by trade secrets; commercial activities by for-profit institutions; use of product advertisement or political lobbying, including lobbying for student body office; the design or detailed information pertaining to explosive devices, criminal activities or terrorist acts; sexism or sexual harassment; pornography; gambling; illegal solicitation; racism; and inappropriate language. Illegal or inappropriate activities including games, game codes, chat room, and use of the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others, or activities of any kind that do not conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of the North Summit School District, are forbidden.

Do not reveal personal information, such as: home address, phone numbers, password, credit card numbers, or social security number; this also applies to others' personal information or that of organizations.

3. **Network Etiquette:** Each student is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of user etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:

Be polite. Never send or encourage others to send abusive messages. Use appropriate language. You may be alone on a computer, but what you write, send, or receive can be viewed globally! Remember that you are a representative of your school and the North Summit School District on a non-private system.

Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others. Use electronic mail appropriately. No sales, advertisements or solicitations, etc. Email is not private. Everyone on the system has potential access to mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal or inappropriate activities, as pertaining to this Acceptable Use Agreement, must be reported to the principal, teacher/supervisor, or systems administrator.

4. **Vandalism**: Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy property of the user, another user, or of any other agencies or networks that are connected to the network or the Internet system. Vandalism also includes, but is not limited to: abusive overloading of data on the server, or the uploading, downloading or creation of computer viruses. Any engagement in network vandalism constitutes unacceptable use and will subject the student to appropriate disciplinary action.

5. **Security**: Security on any computer system is a high priority because of multiple users. Do not use another individual's account nor log on to the system as the systems administrator. If you identify a security problem, notify the principal, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator.

6. **Service Disclaimer**: The North Summit School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. North Summit School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer while on this system. These damages may include, but are not limited to: loss of data as a result of delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your error or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. North Summit School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through electronic information resources.

Student Signature of Agreement:

Rules of conduct are described in this "Student Acceptable Use Agreement for North Summit School District" and apply when the electronic information system is in use. I understand any violations of the above provisions could result in the immediate loss of my user account and may result in further disciplinary and/or legal action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion, or referral to legal authorities.

Misuse or violation of this agreement comes in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages, information or graphics sent or received that include/suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other listings previously described in this user agreement. I agree to report any misuse of the electronic information resources to my principal, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator.

I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand that Internet sites are filtered and that on all district computers, Internet use is being monitored. I hereby agree to comply with the above-described conditions of acceptable use.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

As the parent or guardian of the above-named student, I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand that Internet sites are filtered by the UEN and that district computer Internet use is monitored. I understand my child may be disciplined for inappropriate or unacceptable use of electronic information resources. I further understand that student use of the electronic information resource system is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for North Summit School District to filter or restrict access to all inappropriate materials. I will not hold the North Summit School District responsible for inappropriate or unacceptable materials my child may acquire on the network system.

I hereby give my permission and approve the issuance of an electronic account for my child.

Parent or guardian name (please print):

Parent or guardian signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Approved: