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## Acceptable Internet Usage Agreement

Sandpoint Junior Academy is pleased to offer our student's access to the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the office.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees during an Age of Information. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards. Unfortunately, it is true that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive. However, the benefits to students in the form of information resources and skills development should exceed any disadvantages. Teachers will guide students toward re- sources acceptable within the framework of the general school standards. If a student accesses inappropriate material, the school will not be liable and the student will forfeit network privileges. Access is a privilege, NOT a right. Access entails responsibility.

Because ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that stored files always be private.

Students will take responsibility to be polite and courteous in all communications. They will be responsible with all computer hardware and soft- ware. They will respect others' passwords, folders, work and files. They will be taught about copyright laws and will observe them. Any activity not in accordance with these general rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

As a user of the school's computer network, I agree to comply with the stated rules on the reverse side of this page, communicating over the net- work in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for any inappropriate behavior. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility to work with the school in guidance of Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).*