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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY – INTERNET ACCESS

This Acceptable Use Policy is applicable to all users of New Westminister Secondary School computer facilities from the date this document is signed until he/she leaves the school.

STUDENT'S SURNAME: _____ GIVEN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME
(PLEASE PRINT) _____

DESCRIPTION OF NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERNET FACILITIES

New Westminister Secondary School (NWSS) has a number of networked computer labs whose purpose is to give NWSS students and staff access to educational resources that will support the work they do in the classroom. These labs provide connections to thousands of computers around the world. Collectively, this interconnected network of computers is referred to as the Internet.

By signing the attached consent form, New Westminister Secondary School students agree to abide by the terms and conditions of use (on all networked computers) as outlined below. You and your parent (or guardian), must sign the agreement in order to be allowed access to the Internet at New Westminister Secondary School.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET ACCESS

It is important that students conduct themselves in a responsible, decent, ethical, and polite manner while using the network. The following is a list of guidelines:

1. New Westminister Secondary School Internet access is intended for educational and/or research purposes.
2. When interacting on the Internet, you are expected to behave as you would in any other environment where you represent your school.
3. Using NWSS Internet access for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities, is prohibited.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING

New Westminister Secondary School and New Westminister School District network administrators have no control over the content of some of the other sites (e.g. World Wide Web, Usenet, etc.) on the Internet. Any NWSS student who accesses information on another network will be subject to that network's acceptable use policies.

NWSS and New Westminister School District make no guarantees about the service they are providing; they will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, "mis-deliveries", or service interruptions caused by their negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's risk. New Westminister Secondary School and New Westminister School District deny any responsibilities for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through NWSS' networked computers and assume no responsibility for students obtaining inappropriate materials on the Internet.

The network administrators may remove locally posted messages that are unacceptable and/or in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy. In the case of misuse or suspicion of misuse of the network or services, the network administrators reserve the right to access any information.

The system administrators will not intentionally inspect the contents of account holder's email, or disclose the contents to anyone other than the sender, or intended recipient, unless required to do so by law or the policies of any participating school district, or to investigate complaints regarding mail which is alleged to contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material.

New Westminister Secondary School will cooperate fully with any participating School District, local, provincial, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to any email or postings transmitted via school computers. Vandalism will result in cancellation of NWSS Internet access. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another student or teacher, the computer hardware, software, and network at NWSS, or the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading or creating computer viruses.

The NWSS Acceptable Use Policy shall be interpreted construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia. Each party irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia, in connection with any action to enforce the provisions of the NWSS Acceptable Use Policy, to recover damages or other relief for breach or default under the Acceptable Use Policy, or otherwise arising under or by reason of the Acceptable Use Policy.

New Westminster Secondary School and the School District are the final authority on the use of the NWSS Internet facilities and reserve the right to suspend or terminate a user's access to and use of the school's networked computers.

INAPPROPRIATE USES OF THE NWSS INTERNET FACILITIES

Inappropriate use of the NWSS Internet facilities include, but are not limited to the following:

1. You may not use NWSS computer or network equipment to:
 - Transmit any materials in violation of Canadian laws;
 - Duplicate, store, or transmit pornographic material
 - Transmit or post threatening, abusive, or obscene material
 - Duplicate, store, or transmit copyrighted material that violates copyright law;
2. You may not violate, or attempt to violate, the security of NWSS computers, data, or networks;
 - Any attempt to access unauthorized data on NWSS or School district servers will result in termination of computer access privileges.
 - Any attempts to vandalize NWSS or School District accounts or systems will result in termination of lab privileges.
 - Use of another person's account or password without his or her knowledge is prohibited.
 - Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to NWSS Internet capable computer labs.
3. When interacting on the Internet, do not:
 - Use abusive, vulgar, profane, obscene, or other inappropriate language;
 - Criticize the spelling, writing, or keyboarding of others;
 - Re-post personal email that you receive to public forums (e.g. listservs) without the permission of the author.
4. NWSS computers and network are a shared resource and you should use them in such a way that it does not disrupt or impair the services to others. Do not use computer labs:
 - For business purposes
 - For product and/or service advertisements or political lobbying
 - For chat sessions
 - To download excessively large files, except in low use hours
 - To harass other users with unwanted email messages

By signing this Acceptable Use Policy, I acknowledge reading and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of use for the New Westminster Secondary School Internet facilities, as outlined above.

_____ /s/ Student Signature

_____ Date

By signing this Acceptable Use Policy, I acknowledge reading it, accept its terms and conditions, and expect my son/daughter to abide by these terms and conditions. I give my consent for my son or daughter to use Internet facilities at New Westminster Secondary School

_____ /s/ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: ENROLLMENT DATE: _____ STUDENT #: _____
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