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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 resources 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 software. 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 technology resources, I agree to comply with the policy on the reverse side of this page, communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 network device 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.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Acceptable Use Policy (as found in the SJA Handbook updated on 08/26/21)

The purpose of this policy is to present guidelines for the acceptable usage of the technology resources of Sandpoint Junior Academy. It is not intended to be a definitive list of prohibited behaviors. Any activity that is not in accordance with the spirit or intent of this policy is not acceptable. In all aspects, this policy will only clarify existing school policy and is not meant to replace it.

Access

Any student who is in current good standing with regards to the *Acceptable Use Policy* and any other person having a valid user account on the network may access the technology resources at Sandpoint Junior Academy. Students who have technology privileges suspended or revoked may not log on to any device at SJA unless a specific and temporary exception is made by the classroom teacher and network administrator. Student access is restricted to regular school devices before, after, or during school unless under the direct supervision of a staff member.

Usage

Students may use the educational resources on the network in accordance with the copyrights of those resources. The following uses of the technology resources are strictly forbidden:

- ❖ Copying or modifying any program on any device.
- ❖ Installing any program or application on any device without permission.
- ❖ Deleting any program, application, or any file not belonging to you personally.
- ❖ Modifying other peoples' work without their express consent.
- ❖ Copying, downloading, broadcasting, or distributing any files with content that is not in harmony with the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or containing material that may harm the reputation of any person.
- ❖ Violating state or federal laws, including but not limited to plagiarism, copyright violations and libel.
- ❖ Modifying any hardware or desktop setting on any computer or other device, or permanently changing default settings for the programs they are using.
- ❖ Renaming, hiding, or moving any resources.
- ❖ Eating or drinking while using technology resources.

Internet

Internet access is provided as an educational resource. Student access to the internet is conditional. Students who are not using the internet for assigned projects must be able to show that they are caught up on all school work. It is the responsibility of the student to show that they are current in their school work. If any reasonable doubt remains in the mind of the teacher, the student must, if asked, log off the device and do other school work. The following additional restrictions apply to the use of the internet:

- ❖ Sites containing obscene or pornographic content are prohibited.
- ❖ Sites advertising or glorifying the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are also off limits.
- ❖ In keeping with the school's policy of media, students are restricted from accessing online music. Students may not copy/download/record music files and store them on any classroom device.
- ❖ Email at school is to be used only for schoolwork and turning in assignments.
- ❖ Students may not use the internet for any illegal purpose, or for financial gain.
- ❖ Students may not use chat rooms, news groups, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or any other form of social media while at school.
- ❖ Students understand that they represent the school, even while not physically at school. Online and public behavior should be in accordance with the Christian values held by the school. Misrepresenting the school by using improper language, abusive or racist terms, inappropriate or rude behavior, even outside of school hours, could result in dismissal.
- ❖ Internet use is not private. All internet usage is subject to monitoring and filtering. Attempts to circumvent these controls is prohibited.

Internet users and parents of internet users must realize that while Sandpoint Junior Academy is able to partially control access to some of the materials on the internet, it remains the responsibility of the user to determine the accuracy and propriety of the material they encounter on the internet.

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