

## **Round Valley Unified School District No. 10**

### **STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE**

The District provides computers and Internet access to support the educational mission of its schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and staff. The resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and in preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the rules outlined in their classrooms and labs. Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All District computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school. The District reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, networks and Internet services.

The Superintendent is responsible for establishing and enforcing the District's electronic information services guidelines and procedures for appropriate technology protection measures (filters), monitoring, and use.

### **STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE RULES**

These rules are intended to provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities by users. Failure to comply with Governing Board Policy and these rules may result in loss of computer and Internet access privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action.

#### **A. Computer Use is a Privilege, Not a Right**

Student use of a school's computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary and/or legal action. The principal will have final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be denied, revoked and/or reinstated.

#### **B. Acceptable Use**

Student access to the school's computers, networks and Internet services are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with the school's educational mission, curriculum and instructional goals. The same rules and expectations that govern student conduct and communications will apply to student use of computers and the Internet. Students are further expected to comply with these rules and all specific instructions from the teacher or other supervising staff member/volunteer when accessing the school's computers, networks and Internet services.

### C. Prohibited Use

The user is responsible for his/her own actions involving school computers, networks and Internet services and for his/her computer files, passwords and accounts. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Accessing Inappropriate Materials:** Accessing, submitting, transmitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal.
2. **Illegal Activities:** Using the school's computers, networks and Internet services for any illegal activity or activity that violates other Board policies, procedures and/or school rules.
3. **Violating Copyrights:** Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the express authorization of the student's teacher or principal.
4. **Plagiarism:** Representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the Internet (such as term papers, articles, etc.). When Internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher and Web site must be identified.
5. **Copying Software:** Copying or downloading software without the express authorization of the student's teacher or principal.
6. **Non-District-Owned Software:** Software that is not owned by the District will not be installed on District electronic equipment without express permission from the District technology administrator.
7. **Non-School-Related Uses:** Using the school's computers, networks and Internet services for non-school-related purposes such as private financial gain, commercial, advertising or solicitation purposes.
8. **Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access:** Sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission and/or accessing other users' accounts.
9. **Malicious Use/Vandalism:** Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school's computers, networks and Internet services, including, but not limited to, hacking activities and creating/uploading computer viruses.
10. **Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms, News Groups, Instant Messaging or Blogs:** Accessing chat rooms, news groups, instant messaging or blogs without written authorization from the supervising teacher.
11. **Peer-to-Peer Networking:** Accessing or creating peer-to-peer networks is prohibited without express permission from the District technology administrator.
12. **Misuse of School Name or Logo.** Misuse of a school or District name or logo on a personal Web site that gives the reader the impression that the Web site is an official Web site of the school or District.

### D. No Expectation of Privacy

The school retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and Internet services owned or leased by the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectations of privacy in their use of school computers, including e-mail and stored files.

### E. Compensation for Losses, Costs and/or Damages

The student and/or the student's parent/guardian will be responsible for compensating the school for any losses, costs or damages incurred by the school related to violations of this policy and/or these rules, including investigation of violations.

### **F. School Assumes No Responsibility for Unauthorized Charges, Costs or Illegal Use**

The school assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges made by students including, but not limited to, credit card charges, long-distance telephone charges, equipment and line costs, or for any illegal use of its computers, such as copyright violations.

### **G. Student Security**

A student will not reveal his/her full name, address or telephone number on the Internet without prior written permission from a supervising teacher and parent. Students should never meet people they have contacted through the Internet without parental permission. Students should inform their supervising teachers if they access information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate or make them uncomfortable in any way.

### **H. System Security**

The security of the school's computers, networks and Internet services is a high priority. Any user who identifies a security problem must notify a supervising teacher. The user will not demonstrate the problem to others. Users will not attempt to use other students, teachers or administrators passwords or accounts. Any user who attempts or causes a breach of system security will have his/her privileges revoked and may be subject to additional disciplinary and/or legal action.

### **I. User Account**

User must safeguard their logon ID and password from disclosure to any person. Users may not access a computer account that belongs to another user. Users must use their own logon ID and password only, are responsible for all activity on their logon ID, and must report any known or suspected compromise of their ID to District technology administration. District administration has the right to monitor and access all accounts at any time.

### **J. Parent Opt-Out**

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, the District cannot prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. The school also is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet. The parent/guardian may opt to not allow his or her child to use computers or the Internet while at school.

# STUDENT

## USER AGREEMENT AND PERMISSION FORM Round Valley Unified School District No. 10

### USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information. While the District will make an effort to ensure access to proper materials, the user has the ultimate responsibility for how the electronic information system is used and bears the risk of reliance on the information obtained.

I have read and agree to abide by the District policy and regulations on appropriate use of the school computers, networks and Internet services, as incorporated herein by reference.

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions indicated. I understand that any violations of the above terms and conditions may result in disciplinary action and the revocation of my use of school computers, networks and Internet services.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Each student of Round Valley Unified School District must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read and will uphold this agreement.

Parent or Guardian Cosigner:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this agreement and understand it. I understand that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired by use of the school computers, networks and Internet services. I also agree to report any misuse of the school computers, networks and Internet services to a District administrator. Misuse may come in many forms but can be viewed as any message sent or received that indicates or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, or other issues described in the agreement.

I accept full responsibility of supervision if, and when, my child's use of the school computers, networks and Internet services is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to have my child use the school computers, networks and Internet services.

Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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