MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students

The Mount Pleasant Cottage School District’s purpose in providing students with network and Internet services is to enhance the educational process. All school community members must share the responsibility for seeing that our technology facilities are used in an effective, efficient, ethical and lawful manner.

Access to the network, computers and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Therefore all users must agree that they will comply with these guidelines. Access entails responsibility. Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer network just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway.

When using the District’s computers and other technology facilities:

1. I will follow the rules explained to me by school staff.
2. I will obtain my teacher’s permission prior to using the Internet, computer, or lab.
3. I will demonstrate appropriate behavior.
4. I will respect others and their documents and files.
5. I will use the equipment with care: I will leave all the technology equipment and materials in proper working order. I will not knowingly damage any equipment.
6. I will use only software that my teacher has assigned to me.
7. I will connect only to sites on the Internet that have been approved by my teacher.
8. I will not change the set-up of the computer in any way.
9. I will use only “school appropriate” language, pictures, and other data on the computers or network.
10. I will follow the copyright laws that protect programs, data, books and pictures.
11. I will tell my teacher about problems with the computers or software.
12. I will keep all foods and liquids out of the computer area and leave the computer area clean and orderly by picking up personal items, unwanted papers, etc.
13. I will not access social media or chat rooms.
14. I will not download, install any software or games on any computer or network.
15. I will not release the last name or any other personal information about others or myself on the Internet or e-mail.
16. I will not use email while I am at school.

I understand that:

1. Any information I save is not private and the District may access it at any time.
2. Any violation of these guidelines will result in a loss of access.
3. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building level in line with existing practice regarding inappropriate language or behavior.
4. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

USER AGREEMENT:

I have read the acceptable use policy and understand that if I violate these guidelines, my computer and network privileges will be suspended, and other school discipline and/or appropriate legal action may be taken against me.

Print Name of Student User ___________________ Signature of Student ___________________ Date Signed ________________

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