

# **Little Egg Harbor Township School District**

## **Internet Safety & Acceptable Use Policy**

**Please read the following carefully before signing the attached agreement**

The Little Egg Harbor Township School District is pleased to be able to offer Internet access to your child at his/her school. The Internet is a vast, global network, linking computers at universities, schools, science centers and other sites. The Internet can give students and teachers access to a variety of rich, educational resources. These resources may include libraries, databases, museums, government institutions and educational sources specifically designed for children. In addition students will have opportunities to participate in online telecommunications projects directly related to their classroom studies. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence.

Students will be able to access the Internet at a number of locations including the computer lab, media centers, and individual classrooms. To access the Internet students will be using a browser (a software program) to navigate through information by pointing and clicking the mouse. Information is presented richly in text, pictures, sound, and some video. Students will be able to send electronic mail but will not have their own Internet e-mail address unless specifically approved by their teacher as part of educational activity/project. Student use of email will occur under the direct supervision of a teacher or administrator.

The educational value of information on the Internet is substantial. However, with access to world wide computer systems comes the availability of material that may be considered objectionable and not educationally valuable. There exists information that may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, pornographic or illegal. The Little Egg Harbor Township School District does not condone or permit access to or the use of this material. The district will provide student access to Internet resources only in supervised environments and has taken steps to filter out objectionable material. Nonetheless, the school cannot completely prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district. However, the district believes that the resources and interaction available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students are expected to use Internet resources in a manner consistent with this contract and will be held responsible for their use. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers and networks just as they are in a classroom or other school areas. Use of the Internet is a **privilege**, not a right, any inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.

## **PROPER & ACCEPTABLE USE**

- Be polite. Use of abusive, vulgar, threatening or obscene language is strictly forbidden. Students will not engage in personal attacks, harassment of another person, or knowingly post false or defamatory information about another person or organization.
- Be careful. Students are not to damage, deface, or vandalize computer equipment. Students are not to change, alter, or damage another student's personal work and/or files. Student's will not plagiarize (taking the work of others and presenting them as your own) works they find on the Internet
- Be aware. Students are not permitted to knowingly access, transmit or download materials that are obscene, pornographic, offensive, threatening or illegal.
- Be safe. Students are not permitted to reveal their own or someone else's full name, address, phone number or other personal identification information.
- Be honest. Students are to notify an adult immediately, if by accident, you encounter materials that violate the Rules of Appropriate use.
- Be prepared. Students will be held accountable for their actions and will lose their privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.

***The attached form is to be signed by both parent/guardian and student. When completed, please return the form to the student's school.***

# Little Egg Harbor Township School District Internet Use Agreement

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** As the parent or guardian of this student I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for In-school use of Internet Resources. I understand that this use is for educational purposes and the student named below is expected to use the resources according to the specified guidelines. I have discussed these guidelines with the student and believe he or she has an understanding of them. I also recognize that it is impossible for the Little Egg Harbor Township School District to completely control information available through the Internet and I will not hold the school district or any of its employees responsible for materials this student may acquire on the Internet. I hereby give my permission for the student named below to use the Internet at school and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT:** I have read and/or discussed the Terms and Conditions for In-school use of Internet Resources with my parent or guardian. I understand why the Internet is available to me at school and will abide by the rules stated in the Terms and Conditions. I also understand that that I must follow school rules when I use the computers. I know if I don't follow the rules, I may not be permitted to use the Internet and school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN**