

OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

We are pleased to announce that electronic information services are available to students and teachers in our District. The District strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes the potential of such to support our curriculum and student learning in our District. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The District will make every effort to protect students and teachers from misuses or abuses as a result of their experiences with an information service. All users must be continuously on guard to avoid inappropriate and illegal interaction with the information services.

The Ocean View School District computer network provides access to electronic resources and to the Internet. The District network consists of networked computers in schools and other District facilities. The Internet is a collection of electronic networks connecting computers within the District and around the world. Similar to the Library Bill of Rights, the Ocean View School District holds that "a person's right to access Internet resources should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views."

In order to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA - H.R.4577) the Ocean View School District restricts Internet access to obscene or pornographic materials by the use of filtering software (Novell Border Manager and CyberPatrol) installed on the District network server. In addition, filters are maintained by our Internet service provider, the Orange County Department of Education.

Ocean View School District has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the network is used for educational purposes. Listed below are the provisions of this contract. Any user who violates these provisions may be denied access to the information service and may be subject to disciplinary actions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT

1. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: As a representative of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the teacher or site administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but is commonly viewed as any messages(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described below. All the rules of conduct described in your school code apply.

2. ACCEPTABLE USE: The use of my assigned account must be in support of education and research and conform to the educational goals and objectives of the Ocean View School District. I am personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

- A. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- B. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or other state organizations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets.
- C. Use of commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable.
- D. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

3. PRIVILEGES: The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges and disciplinary action. Each person who receives an account will participate in a discussion with a staff member as to proper behavior and use of the network. The system administrator (operating under the aegis of the School Board and the District Office) may close an account at any time deemed necessary. The administration, or staff, of Ocean View School District may request that the system administrator deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

4. NETWORK ETIQUETTE & PRIVACY: The smooth operation of the network depends upon the proper conduct of the users who must follow strict guidelines. Basic rules are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to assume. **Using the network is a privilege and may be revoked at any time for unacceptable conduct.** Expected acceptable conduct includes the following:

- A. **BE POLITE:** Never send, or encourage others to send threatening or abusive messages.
- B. **USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE:** You are a representative of your school and district on a non-private system. Do not use profanity or vulgarities. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
- C. **RESPECT PRIVACY:** Do not reveal any personal information including your home addresses, personal phone numbers or those of other students or staff.
- D. **AVOID DISRUPTIONS:** Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.

5. ELECTRONIC MAIL: The District makes no guarantee that e-mail is private. Students will not be assigned personal e-mail addresses. Students will only be able to send or receive mail through a teacher or classroom account. Students who have e-mail accounts from sources outside the school district may not use school resources to access those accounts.

6. SERVICES: The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delay, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. The District specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of the information obtained through its services.

7. SECURITY: Security on any computer system is a high priority because there are so many users. If you identify a security problem, notify the teacher or site administrator at once! Never demonstrate the problem to other users. All use of the system must be under your own account. Never use another individual's account; likewise, do not allow others to use your account. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

8. VANDALISM: Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or of any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer service, disciplinary action and legal referral.

9. UPDATING: The information service may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify the information system of any changes in your account information.

**Acceptable Use Agreement For Electronic Resources
REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the teacher or site administrator. Misuse can come in many forms but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above. All the rules of conduct described in the handbook of my school apply.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Students under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this contract.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that it is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the Ocean View School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I also agree to report any issue of the information system to the teacher or site administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____