



1.0 Student Responsibilities

- 1.1 Use Limited to an Educational Purpose. The student acknowledges that access to the Internet via Charter School equipment and resource networks is intended to serve and pursue educational goals and purposes. Student use of the Internet is therefore limited to only those activities that further or enhance the delivery of education. The Student recognizes that he or she has a duty to use Charter School equipment and resource networks only in a manner specified in the Policy.
 - 1.1.1 “Educational purpose” means classroom activities, research in academic subjects, career or professional development activities, research in matters of civic importance or that further citizenship in a democratic society, Charter School approved personal research activities, or other purposes as defined by the Charter School from time to time.
 - 1.1.2 An “inappropriate use” is one that is inconsistent with an educational purpose or that is in clear violation of Charter School policy.
- 1.2 Plagiarism. Researching information and incorporating that information into a student’s work is an acceptable educational use, but students have an obligation to credit and acknowledge the source of information. Accordingly, the Student acknowledges that plagiarism is inappropriate and unacceptable. Plagiarism means the copying of a phrase, a sentence, or a longer passage from a source written by someone else and claiming the written work as the student’s original work. Student agrees that when quoting from information obtained on the Internet, he or she will acknowledge the source through quotation or any academically accepted form of notation.
- 1.3 Copyright. Student agrees that he or she will not use Charter School equipment or resource networks to download or print text, music, or pictures for the purpose of selling or giving the files to others unless specifically authorized by the Charter School.
- 1.4 Communication. Student agrees that he or she will use Charter School equipment or resource networks or Charter School email accounts in the following manner:
 - 1.4.1 Students agree not to send, access, submit, publish, display or print over the internet or network, or using technology resources, any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. Cyber bullying is specifically prohibited. It shall be the student’s responsibility to report the inappropriate use, web site, or communication to the student’s teacher or other staff member.

- 1.4.2 Student will not post on newsgroups or other message posting systems any communication containing profanity, racially disparaging remarks, or lewd and/or obscene language.
 - 1.4.3 Student will not at any time use speech that is not appropriate for an educational setting. Examples of speech that is not appropriate for an educational setting includes, but is not limited to, inflammatory language, profanity, personal attacks, harassment, threats to do personal harm or other criminal activity, and language that is intended to be racially derogatory.
 - 1.4.4 Student will not make threats against others.
 - 1.4.5 Student will not reveal personal information about others.
 - 1.4.6 Student will not use email to send chain letters or “spam” email to a list of people or to an individual.
 - 1.4.7 Student will not place illegal information on the Internet, nor will student use the Internet in any way that violates federal, state, or local law.
 - 1.4.8 All communications will be polite and respectful of others.
 - 1.4.9 Student will not give out to any other Internet user or post on the Internet his or her name, address, or telephone number unless expressly authorized by the Charter School in writing.
- 1.5 Illegal and Dangerous Activities. Student shall not use the Internet to perform any illegal act or to help others perform illegal acts. Illegal acts include, but are not limited to, any activities in violation of local, state, and federal law. Student shall not access information designed to further criminal or dangerous activities. Such information includes, but is not limited to, information that if acted upon could cause damage, present a danger, or cause disruption to the Charter School, other students, or the community.
- 1.6 Obscene Materials. Student acknowledges that obscene materials do not further an educational purpose. Accordingly, Student shall not use the Internet to access obscene materials or images. Obscene materials include, but are not limited to, materials that offend generally accepted social standards. This includes the access of or retrieval of any sexually explicit materials. Students are to exercise their best judgment when encountering sexually explicit or obscene materials. As a general rule, if the material could not be openly displayed in a classroom setting without violating generally accepted social standards, the material is obscene for purposes of this Policy and must not be accessed. Student further agrees that he or she will not access any Internet site which requires the Student to state that he or she is eighteen years of age or older as a condition of accessing the site.

- 1.7 Privacy. Student acknowledges that computer equipment, Internet access networks, and email accounts are owned by the Charter School and provided to students for educational purposes. The Charter School reserves the right to access stored computer records to assure compliance with this Policy. Student is aware that communication over Charter School owned networks is not private and acknowledges that email and records of Internet activities will be accessed under, but not limited to, the following circumstances:
- 1.7.1 Routine system maintenance.
 - 1.7.2 General inspection or monitoring, with or without notice to Student, if there is suspicion of widespread inappropriate use.
 - 1.7.3 Specific review of individual files or monitoring of individual activity, with or without notice to Student, if there is suspicion that Student is engaging in inappropriate use.
- 1.8 Commercial Activities. Student agrees that student will not use the Internet to buy or sell, or attempt to buy or sell, any service or product unless authorized by the Charter School in writing.
- 1.9 Information About Others. Student agrees that he or she will not make any statement or post any communication on the Internet about another person that he or she knows or suspects to be untrue.
- 1.10 Violation of Policy. The Student acknowledges that violation of this Policy can result in a loss of all Internet access and email privileges. If Student violates this Policy, or in any other way uses Charter School equipment in a manner that is not consistent with educational use, the Student will be promptly notified that he or she has violated the Policy. The Student will be given the opportunity to explain why the Charter School should deem the activity in question a use consistent with the educational purposes stated in this Policy. If the Charter School deems that the use is inconsistent with the educational purposes stated in this Policy, the Charter School may terminate the Student's Internet and email privileges. However, because one of the educational purposes in providing Internet access is to teach students to use the Internet appropriately, The Charter School reserves the right to fashion penalties to specific concerns or specific violations, and Student acknowledges that he or she may receive penalties less than full termination of Internet or email privileges. Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, restricted access to Internet or supervised access to Internet and email.

Student also acknowledges that the Charter School will contact the proper legal authorities if the Charter School concludes or suspects that the Student's Internet activity is a violation of any law or otherwise constitutes an illegal activity.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TERMS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**

Limitation of Liability

Nord Country School shall not be responsible for any damages suffered by the student, including those arising from non-deliveries, misdeliveries, service interruptions, unauthorized use, loss of data, and exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people. Use of any information obtained via the Internet or communications technologies is at the student's own risk.

Nord Country School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. The School assumes no liability for personal technology, including computers, smart phones, network access devices, or other electronic signaling devices, if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. The student and his/her parent/guardian shall indemnify and hold Nord Country School harmless from any losses sustained as the result of use or misuse of the district's technology resources by the student, and/or the loss or damage of personal technology.

Agreement

I/We hereby agree to comply with the Nord Country School Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, as described above. As a parent or guardian, I hereby consent to my child's or ward's use of Nord's technology resources. I/we also agree to hold Nord harmless for any damages suffered by my child/ward, including those arising from non-deliveries, misdeliveries, service interruptions, unauthorized use, loss of data, and exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people arising from or connected to the use of Nord technology resources.

Date

Parent's Signature

I, _____, have read and understand the Student Internet Acceptable Use Agreement and agree to the terms and conditions that are set out in the Policy.

Date

Student's Signature