

# Acceptable Use Agreement for Student Access to and Use of Networked District 65 Information Resources

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*Directions: Please read and discuss the following with your student. His/her and your signatures are required before an account will be issued to your student. Please return this signed form to your student's school.*

With Internet access come responsibilities. Evanston/Skokie School District 65 provides access to and integrates thoughtful use of technology-based resources throughout the curriculum and provides guidance and instruction in the appropriate use of these resources in the school.

## Equipment and Network

District 65 students have access to a wide array of technology and software to promote learning. Students are expected to respect and take care of the hardware and software that is provided. Intentional damage to equipment, software, or the network will result in disciplinary action and charges for repair or replacement to the student's family.

## The Internet

The Internet is an electronic network connecting hundreds of thousands of computers and millions of individual users all over the world. This technology propels our schools through the communication age by allowing students and staff to access and use resources from distant computers, communicate and collaborate with other individuals and groups around the world, and significantly expands their available information base. Families should be aware, however, that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people.

Appropriate Internet access is the shared responsibility of the school, the student, and the family. Parents/guardians have responsibility for agreements their children make or actions they take and, outside of school, for setting and conveying the standards their children should follow when using any media or information service. Students are responsible for good behavior on these electronic resources.

The district's intent is to make Internet access secure while furthering educational goals and objectives. The district institutes required filtering and other technical methods to regulate students' Internet access. Those methods do not always guarantee compliance with the district's Acceptable Use Policy. If a student accesses objectionable or inappropriate material, they should immediately report it to their teachers or staff at Information Services. Ultimately, parents/guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

The district offers parents/guardians the option of requesting alternative activities not requiring Internet use or their minor children.

## Privacy and Security

**Equipment, network resources, messages, files, programs and software applications that are stored on or relayed by District 65's computers and servers are not private.** District 65 and its representatives employ mechanisms to monitor all users' on-line activities, including website browsing, email use, chat room participation, and other forms of electronic communications. District 65 reserves the right to monitor any users' online activities, at any time, with or without notice, and to access review, copy, store, or delete any electronic communications or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary.

## Restrictions

In compliance with the Illinois Harassing and Obscene Communications Act, (720 ILCS 135/0.01), the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Illinois Internet Safety Education Act (105 ILCS 5/27-13.3) and all other applicable local, state and federal statutes and guidelines, the following activities are not permitted on District 65's electronic resources:

- Accessing, uploading, downloading, transmitting, displaying or distributing obscene, abusive, intimidating, threatening, defamatory or sexually explicit material or language or otherwise harassing students or staff.
- Transmitting a student’s personal information, work or picture with identifiable information without written parental permission.
- Using another person's passwords; trespassing in another person's folders, work or file.
- Selling or buying anything over the Internet for personal financial gain; or selling or purchasing any illegal substance.
- Using the Internet for advertising or promotion, including conducting for-profit business activities or engaging in solicitation for non-profit groups, religious purposes, lobbying, or votes.
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks; vandalizing, damaging or disabling the property of another person or organization; debilitating or disabling computers, systems or networks through the intentional mis- or over-use of electronic distribution or storage space, the spreading of computer "viruses," or hacking.
- Violating copyright, or otherwise using another person's intellectual property without his or her prior approval or proper citation; using another person's passwords; trespassing in another person's folders, work or files.
- District 65’s technology resources, communications systems, email, and web site are not a public forum.

### Sanctions

Violations of District 65 and school networked information resources policies could result in the loss of access to the resources. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building or classroom level in line with existing practice for language and behavior. When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may become involved. A full, detailed list of restrictions and sanctions are detailed in the *District 65 Student Handbook*: and online at: <http://www.district65.net> .

### Student and Parent/Guardian Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand the District 65 Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and agree to use the network in an appropriate and responsible manner.

**Student:**

**Signature:**

*Please Print*

**Date:**        /        /

In accepting an account, your student accepts the responsibility of using the network in a responsible and appropriate manner. It is important that you understand his/her responsibilities as well. Your signature indicating that you have read and agreed to the guidelines is necessary before an account will be issued.

I have read and/or discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my student and give the school and the District 65 permission to issue a technology use account to my student.

**Parent/Guardian:**

**Signature:**

*Please Print*

**Date:**        /        /

Note: The district supports and respects each family's decision whether or not to apply for student access and whether to terminate or suspend that access. Parents/guardians have the right to request alternative activities which do not require access to networked information resources. Access permission, if issued, shall remain in effect through the remainder of this school year, unless suspended or terminated by the school, the student, or the parent/guardian.