ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
OF NETWORK COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES
BY PUPILS

It is the policy of the Elk Township School district that all users of the Internet read, sign, and agree to the terms of the following Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Please read this policy carefully before signing it.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in our school district. We are very pleased to have Internet access, as we believe it offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in the district by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Elk Township School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials, however, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and a user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that use of Internet resources is consistent with our stated mission, goals, and objectives. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students and the faculty who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If a user violates any of these provisions, he or she will not be permitted to use the Internet.

The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet
Terms and Conditions of Good Use

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

2. The network is provided for students to conduct research. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of Internet privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final.

3. Users are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online. These include, but are not limited to the following:

   a) Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to others.
   b) Use appropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited.
   c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or those of other students or colleagues.
   d) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by others.

4. Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material.

5. Intentional damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks will result in cancellation of privileges.

6. Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form is illegal, and will not be tolerated.

7. Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files is prohibited. Attempts to log onto the Internet as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of privileges.

8. People who operate the system may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

9. Students will inform the teacher or other responsible adult if they come across any information that makes them feel uncomfortable.

10. Students will print and save files only if they have the permission of the teacher or other responsible adult.

11. Students will not use the system to purchase goods and services.

Student

I understand the rules for using the Internet and I agree to follow these rules. I know that if I do not follow these rules, I will lose my Internet privileges, and I may be subject to other disciplinary measures as determined by the Administration.

Student's Name_____

Student's Signature_____

Date_____

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Parent or Guardian

I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes. The Elk Township School district has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material, however, I also recognize that it is impossible for the Elk Township School District to restrict all controversial materials, and I will not hold it responsible for materials acquired on the network. I agree to allow my child to use the Internet while attending The Elk Township School District.

Parent or Guardian's Name_____

Parent or Guardian's Signature_____

Date_____

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Sponsoring Teacher

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with this student. I will supervise the student, but because he or she may use the network for individual work, I cannot be held responsible for the student's use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct this student on acceptable use of the network and proper etiquette.

Teacher's Name_____

Teacher's Signature_____

Date_____