

# Golden Plains Unified School District #316

## STUDENT AUTHORIZED INTERNET USE AGREEMENT FORM

*Please read this document carefully before you sign it.*

All Golden Plains Unified School District No. 316 Internet users are required to sign the Authorized Use Agreement Form and to abide by the terms and conditions of the policies and regulations of the District. The Board of Education does not authorize any use of the Internet that is not conducted strictly in compliance with these policies. Your signature on this document indicates that you have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

The Board of Education believes that the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources for students, teachers, and other users. The District's goal in providing this service to staff and students is to promote educational excellence in the schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The District may not be able to technologically limit access to services through the District's Internet connection to only those that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study, and research related to the curriculum. Parents/Guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet which the District has not authorized for educational purposes. Parents/Guardians are also advised that communications on the Internet are not censored by the District. By participating in the use of the Internet, students may gain access to information and communications which they or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, or controversial. Parents/Guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the Internet.

Users who disregard the District's Authorized Internet Use Policy and regulations may have their user privileges suspended or revoked and be further subject to school disciplinary action. Users granted access to the Internet through the Golden Plains Unified School District No. 316 assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by District policy.

*Please complete the following information.*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Authorized Internet Use Form, including the material printed on the back hereof, and have discussed it with my child. I understand that the Internet access is designed for educational purposes. I hereby give permission to allow Internet access for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AUTHORIZED INTERNET USE POLICY

The Board of Education believes that the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to students, teachers, and other users. The District's goal in providing this service to staff and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Instructional use of the Internet will be guided by policies and procedures relating to instructional materials.

The District may not be able to technologically limit access to services through the District's Internet connection to only those that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study, and research related to the curriculum. Parents/Guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet which the District has not authorized for educational purposes. Parents/Guardians are also advised that communications on the Internet are not effectively censored by the District. By participating in the use of the Internet, students may gain access to information and communications which they or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, or controversial. Parents/Guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the Internet.

Administrators and staff are responsible for ensuring that District Internet users under their supervision are knowledgeable about this policy and user agreement.

All District Internet users are required to sign a written agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its accompanying regulations.

The Board of Education does not sanction any use of the Internet that is not authorized by or conducted strictly in compliance with this policy and its regulations. Users who disregard the District's Authorized Internet Use Policy (AUP) and related regulations may have their use privileges suspended or revoked and be subject to further appropriate disciplinary action. Users granted access to the Internet through the Golden Plains Unified School District No. 316 assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for uses of the Internet not authorized by District Policy.

## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE REGULATIONS

### **Internet-An Introduction:**

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting computers in the District and thousands of computers all over the world with millions of individual subscribers. Students, teachers, and other users have varying levels of access to:

1. Electronic mail (e-mail) communication with people all over the world.
2. Information and news from NASA, the US Weather Bureau, Smithsonian Institution, universities and colleges as well as the opportunity to correspond with experts in many fields around the world.
3. Public domain software and graphics of all types for educational use.
4. Discussion groups on a wide range of topics ranging from Aardvarks to Zen Buddhism
5. Many university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ERIC (a large collection of information relevant to educators and students), and
6. Graphical access to the World Wide Web.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered of educational value in the context of the school setting. The District has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover information that some may find inappropriate, offensive, or controversial. The District firmly believes that access to the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, smooth operation of the network relies upon users exercising proper conduct and adhering to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that users are aware of their responsibilities. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a District user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated, future access could possibly be denied, and disciplinary action may be taken.

Students, teachers, and other users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in classrooms or school hallways. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students, teachers, and other users to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services will be provided to students, teachers, and other users who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner and who obtain the necessary signatures on the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.

The Internet Acceptable Use Agreement Form is a written agreement, signed by students, teachers, and other users outlining the terms and conditions of the Internet Acceptable Use Regulations. Anyone wishing to use the District's Internet connection is required to sign the District's Internet Acceptable Use Agreement Form.

### **Authorized Internet Use Guidelines:**

Students, teachers, and other users are responsible to insure that the following general guidelines are implemented in all use of the District's Internet access. District users are expected to:

- Be polite and use appropriate language in their messages to others
- Not reveal their own or anyone else's personal address, phone number, or password
- Realize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private
- Understand that District personnel periodically review all use of the Internet access (including e-mail)
- Use only their own Internet/e-mail account
- Avoid using the District Internet access for any commercial purposes, including the ordering or purchase of any commercial products
- Use the network in ways that do not disrupt the use of the network by other users
- Not harm or destroy data of another user including the uploading or creation of computer viruses
- Immediately report any known or suspect problems or unusual activities to a system administrator
- Avoid use of Internet access for pornographic, immoral, subversive, terrorist, or other inappropriate use
- Limit all use of Internet access to an appropriate educational purpose

Students, teachers, and other users are cautioned to remember that inappropriate use of the District's Internet Access (just as with any other District-provided resource) may subject the offender to school disciplinary actions up to and including suspension, and/or expulsion, and may further subject the violator to criminal and civil prosecution and penalties.