

**2005-2006 NETWORK AND INTERNET
AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS**

This agreement is entered into between _____ (Printed Student / Adult Name / Staff Member) hereinafter referred to as a USER, and the La Pryor Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as the District. The purpose of this agreement is to provide Local Area Network, Electronic Bulletin Board, and Internet access, hereinafter referred to as Network, for educational purposes to the USER. As such, this access will: (1) assist in the collaboration and exchange of information; (2) facilitate personal growth in the use of technology; and (3) enhance information gathering and communication skills.

The intent of this contract is to ensure that USERS will comply with all Network and Internet acceptable use policies approved by the District.

In exchange for the use of the Network resources either at school or home, I understand and agree to the following:

- A. The use of the Network is a privilege which may be revoked by the District at any time and for any reason. Appropriate reasons for revoking privileges include, but are not limited to: 1) the altering of system software; and 2) the placing of unauthorized information, computer viruses or harmful programs on or through the computer system in either public or private files or messages.
- B. The District reserves the right to remove files, to limit or deny access, and to refer the USER for other disciplinary actions.
- C. The District reserves all rights to any material stored in files which are generally accessible to others and will remove any material which the District, at its sole discretion, believe may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. A USER will not use his / her District-approved computer account access to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to such materials.
- D. All information services and features contained on District or Network resources are intended for the private use of its registered USERS and any use of these resources for commercial-for-profit or other unauthorized purposes (i.e. advertisements, political lobbying), in any form, is expressly forbidden.
- E. The District and/or Network resources are intended for the exclusive use by their registered USERS. The USER is responsible for the use of his/her account/password and/or access privilege. Any problems which arise from the use of a Students' account is the responsibility of the account holder. Use of an account by someone other than the registered account holder is forbidden and may be grounds for loss of access privileges.
- F. Any misuse of the account will result in suspension of the account privileges and or other disciplinary action determined by the District. Misuse shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other USERS.
 - 2. Intentionally seeking pornographic or other vulgar material(s), as determined by the district, and or storing it on District resources
 - 3. Misrepresenting other USERS on the Network.
 - 4. Disrupting the operation of the Network through abuse of the hardware or software.
 - 5. Malicious use of the Network through hate mail, harassment, profanity, vulgar statements, or discriminatory remarks.
 - 6. Interfering with others use of the network.
 - 7. Extensive use for non-curriculum-related communication.
 - 8. Illegal installation of copyrighted software.
 - 9. Participating or viewing of non-approved chat rooms.
 - 10. Unauthorized downloading, copying, or use of licensed or copyrighted software.
 - 11. Allowing anyone to use an account other than the account holder. (With the exception of your parent or guardian (in regard of staff – spouse and children) under your direct supervision, in which case you are responsible for everything they do.)
- F. The use of District and/or Network resources is for the purpose of (in order of priority) :
 - (1.) Support of the academic program
 - (2.) Telecommunications
 - (3.) General Information
 - 1. Recreation.
 - 2. The District and/or Network does not warrant that the functions of the system will meet any specific requirements the USER may have, or that it will be error free or uninterrupted; nor shall it be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or time) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.
- G. The USER will diligently delete old mail messages and files on a daily basis from the personal mail and file directories to avoid excessive use of the electronic mail and file server disk space.
- H. The District and/or Network will periodically make determinations on whether specific uses of the Network are consistent with the acceptable-use practice. The District and/or Network reserve the right to log Internet access and

to monitor incoming and outgoing electronic mail messages.

- I. The USER may transfer files from information services and electronic bulletin board services. For each file received through a file transfer, the USER agrees to check the file with a virus- detection program before opening the file for use. Should the USER transfer a file, shareware, or software which infects the Network with a virus and causes damage, the USER will be liable for any and all repair costs to make the Network once again fully operational and may be subject to other disciplinary measures as determined by the District.
- J. The USER will be liable to pay the costs or fees incurred with any file, shareware or software transferred, whether intentional or accidental, without such the permission of their building principal.
- K. The District and/or Network reserve the right to log computer use and to monitor file server's space utilization by USERS. The District reserves the right to remove a USER account on the Network to prevent further unauthorized activity.
- L. From time to time, USER will create personal and District World Wide Web homepages, which may contain names and/or pictures of the USER on the Internet. Additionally, the district will provide email accounts. Please initial each of the following activities which you DO NOT want the student participating. ___ Email ___ Student Homepage ___ Picture ___ Name

NOTE:

- **The district will never intentionally post a student's picture and name in the same place on the Internet.**
- **The only e-mail account that will be allowed will be a filtered account provided by the school.**
- **While this agreement covers all students including elementary students, the situation and the users abilities will always be taken into account before any disciplinary action will be taken.**
- **All Internet accounts will be filtered for pornography and vulgar materials or other content that could cause injury to students.**

In consideration for the privileges of using the District and/or Network resources, and in consideration for having access to the information contained on the Network, or by the Network, I hereby release the District, Network and their operators and administration from any and all claims of any nature arising from my use, or inability to use the District and/or Network resources. To the extent that proprietary rights in a work product would vest in the USER upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the District.

We agree to abide by such rules and regulations of system usage as may be further added from time-to-time by the district and/or Network. These rules will be available in hard copy form in the Principal's office.

Parents and guardians are always welcome to visit our facilities and view our computer facilities and students' accomplishments. Fell free to contact the main office at 365-4000 to schedule an appointment.

(Sign and return to Principal's Office)

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

