Paton-Churdan Community School District
Student Acceptable Use Policy 3rd-6th Grades

The primary goal of P-C's available technology is to enrich the learning that takes place in and out of classrooms. In particular, technology offers opportunities for exploration and analysis of academic subjects in ways that traditional instruction cannot replicate. However, certain legal and ethical restrictions apply. Also, the limited supply of both hardware and software requires us to set priorities for use. Academic work for courses always takes priority over any other use of the computer equipment.

The following is a list of rules and guidelines which govern the use of P-C computers and network resources. Network resources refers to all aspects of P-C's owned or leased equipment, including computers, printers, and other peripherals, as well as email, Internet services, and all other technology-related equipment and services. These rules apply to any use of P-C's network resources whether this access occurs while on or off campus. Students may not use network resources:

- To create, send, access material which is mean, hateful, bullying or sexually explicit;
- To download, stream or listen to Internet-based music, video and large image files not required for school work;
- To change, add or delete files that affect the configuration or damage the computer or anyone else's work;
- To conduct illegal activity including breaking copyright rules or take credit for anyone else's work;
- To access the work or account of another user (this is considered vandalism);
- To install software or to copy P-C school software (this is considered theft);
- To bypass the filter.

In addition, students may not:
- Give out their home address or phone number to anyone on the Internet;
- Give password(s) to anyone;
- Post anonymous messages;
- Forward email commonly known as "SPAM," Unsolicited Commercial Email (UCE), or "junk email."

Responsibility for Property:
If the student sees a problem, the student will not try to fix it, but will tell the teacher. If the problem is an inappropriate image, the student will turn off the monitor and seek the teacher's help.

Discipline:
Any student who violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action. The minimum consequence will be a letter home. Serious or repeated violations will result in the student's use of technology being restricted or revoked.

Legal Issues and Jurisdiction:
Because P-C owns and operates the equipment and software that compose our network resources, the school is obligated to take steps to insure that all facilities are used legally. The computer is not private; a teacher or administrator my look at work to determine that rules are followed. There will be consequences which may include not being able to use the computer.

Disclaimer:
P-C does not have control of the information on the Internet or incoming email, nor does it provide any technical barriers to account holders accessing the full range of information available. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, illegal or otherwise inconsistent with the mission of the Paton-Churdan Community School District. While P-C's intent is to make Internet access available for educational goals and objectives, account holders will have the ability to access other materials as well. At P-C, we expect students to obey the Computer Use Policy when using the Internet. Students found in violation of the policy will be disciplined. In addition, P-C account holders take full responsibility for their access to P-C's network resources and the Internet. Specifically, P-C makes no warranties with respect to school network resources nor does it take responsibility for:

- the content of any advice or information received by an account holder;
- the costs, liability or damage incurred as a result of access to school network resources or the Internet; or any consequences of service interruptions.

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Student - I have read the terms and conditions. I understand and will follow the rules for the Paton-Churdan Community School District. I further understand that violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I not follow the rules, my use of the computer and internet may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken..

Student Name (please print)_____
Grade_____

Student SignatureX_____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian - As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions for use of the Internet access and technology use and I have read and discussed them with my student. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and the Paton-Churdan Community School District has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the Paton-Churdan Community School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials that students may acquire on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue accounts for the student named above and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian name (please print)_____

Parent Signature X_____ Date _____

Daytime Phone Number _____Evening Phone Number
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