Paton-Churdan Community School District
Student Acceptable Use Policy
Middle School and High School

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 or download material which is abusive, hateful, harassing or sexually explicit;
- To download, stream or listen to Internet-based music, video and large image files not required for school work, as this slows the performance of the network for all users. The school will monitor the network for violations;
- To alter, add or delete any files that affect the configuration of a school computer;
- To conduct any commercial business;
- To conduct any illegal activity (this includes adhering to copyright laws);
- To access the data or account of another user (altering files of another user in considered vandalism);
- To install any software onto P-C computers; to copy P-C school software. Copying school owned software programs is considered theft;
- To bypass the filter through the use of proxies or other services.

In addition, students may not:

- Give out their home address or phone number to anyone on the Internet (this protects users from becoming potential victims of those with criminal intent);
- Give password(s) to anyone;
- Post anonymous messages;
- Forward email commonly known as "SPAM," Unsolicited Commercial Email (UCE), or "junk email."

Responsibility for Property:
Students are responsible for maintaining a 100 percent working laptop at all times. The student shall use reasonable care to be sure that the computer is not lost, stolen or damaged. Such care includes:

- Not leaving equipment in an unlocked car or unlocked home (if you have permission to take it home).
- Not leaving equipment unattended while at school or elsewhere.
- Not lending equipment to anyone except one's parents (for those with home privileges).
- Not using equipment in an unsafe environment.

Students must not leave the computer unattended (it must be with you or within your sight) at all times. Do not leave computers sitting on benches. Laptops left in bags or backpacks or in unattended classrooms are considered "unattended" and may be confiscated by faculty or staff as a protection against theft. If confiscated, the student will receive a warning before getting the laptop back. If the laptop is confiscated a second time, the student may be required to get a parent signature acknowledging financial responsibility before getting the laptop back. Unattended equipment, if stolen - even at school - will be the student's responsibility.

File Sharing and File Sharing Programs:
The installation and/or use of any Internet-based file-sharing tools is explicitly prohibited. File Sharing programs and protocols like BitTorrent, Frostwire, Kazaa, Acquisition and others may not be used to facilitate the illegal sharing of copyrighted material (music, video, and images). Individuals with legitimate, school-related needs may seek prior approval from the Technology Coordinator.

Discipline:
Any student who violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action. The minimum consequence will be a letter home. Students who violate the File Sharing rules will also have their hard drives restored to the original settings. Serious or repeated violations will result in the student's use of technology restricted and revoked. Any student (with permission to take laptop home) who continually does not bring their laptop to school will lose the privilege of taking the computer home each day.

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. Hence, any illegal use of network resources is prohibited. All content created, sent, accessed or downloaded using any part of P-C's network resources is subject to the rules stated in this policy. School administration monitors our network and may find it necessary to investigate electronic incidents even if they happen after hours and outside of school. As the owners of our network resources, including email system, the school administration reserves the right, if needed and at its discretion, remotely access to open, examine and/or delete electronic files that violate this Computer Use Policy.

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 abide by the stated terms and conditions 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 commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Name (please print)_____

Student SignatureX_____ Date _____

Student's Grade _____

Parent or Guardian - (If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must read and sign this agreement.) As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions for use of the Internet access and technology use. 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 _____