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INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

User Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in Salida Union School District. We are 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.

For those not familiar with the term, the Internet is an “electronic highway” connecting millions of computers all over the world, and millions of individual users. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with users throughout the globe. In addition, the system will be used to increase school and district communication, enhance productivity, and assist employees in upgrading their skills through greater exchange of information with their peers.

With access to computers and people from around the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Families should be warned that some material obtained via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately. We firmly believe, however, that the benefits to students from online access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

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 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, his or her access to the Internet will be terminated and future access could be denied.

To gain access to the Internet, all students must have signed permission by their parent or guardian. The signature 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

1. The SUSD network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. 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. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of network and/or Internet privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, monitor or suspend specific user network and/or Internet privileges.
2. You may not post or give out personal contact information about yourself or others. Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, etc. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school employee any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.
3. You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct yourself in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online.
4. You are not permitted to use the computing resources for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying, or political campaigning.
5. You are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, publish or deliberately seek out any defamatory, abusive, inaccurate, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material.

6. You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the SUSD network or any other computer system connected directly or indirectly to this system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or accessing another person's files.

7. Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in cancellation of privileges and possible other discipline.

8. You should notify a teacher or system administrator if a security problem is identified. Do not go looking for security problems as this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users.

9. You must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.

10. All communication and information accessible via the computer resources shall be regarded as private property. However, SUSD reserves the right to inspect any material stored in files to which users have access and will edit or remove material which the district staff, in its sole discretion, believes may be objectionable. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

11. The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. Your parents can be held financially responsible for any harm to the system as a result of intentional misuse.

Any violations may result in a loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

Student Section

I have read the district *Internet Use Agreement*. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my Internet privileges can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

User's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Section

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this *Internet Use Agreement* and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the district's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that it is impossible for Salida Union School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____