

Meridian School Student Computer/Internet Use Agreement

Student's Name (Please Print) _____
Grade Level _____ Projected Graduation Year _____ Date _____

Meridian School agrees to allow the student identified above ("Student") to use the school's technology to access computers and the Internet under the following terms and conditions:

1. Conditional Privilege: The Student's use of the school's computers and Internet access is a privilege conditioned on the Student's abiding to this agreement. No student may use the school's computers and Internet access unless the Student and his/her parent or guardian (if the student is under the age of eighteen [18]) have read and signed this agreement.

2. Acceptable Use: The Student agrees that he/she will use the school's computers and Internet access for educational purposes only as required for class assignments. The school's computers, network and internet access are not provided for recreational purposes. In using the school's computers and Internet access, the Student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations. The Student also agrees to abide by any computer and/or Internet access use rules instituted by the school, administrators, Technology Coordinator, teacher, or staff whether those rules are written or oral.

3. Penalties for Improper Use: If the Student violates this agreement and misuses school computers and/or Internet access, the Student shall be subject to disciplinary action. First Offense – loss of internet use for nine (9) weeks, Second Offense – loss of internet use for one (1) semester, Third Offense – loss of internet use for one (1) year, Fourth Offense – permanent loss of internet use. Additional disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the headmaster depending on the nature of the offense.

4. Improper use of the school's computers and/or Internet access includes, ut is not limited to, the following:

- a. using the Internet for other than educational purposes;
- b. gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are "harmful to minors" as defined by Utah law;
- c. using the Internet for any illegal activity, including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- d. making unauthorized copies of computer software;
- e. accessing off-campus email accounts, "chat rooms", discussion forums, etc, unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity and directly supervised by a staff member;
- f. transmitting or producing content or messages with abusive or profane language; or content or messages with the intent to harass, insult, or verbally attack others;
- g. posting anonymous messages;
- h. unauthorized use of encryption software;
- i. wasteful use of limited resources provided by the school including paper;
- j. unauthorized downloading or streaming of video files, audio files, games, programs, software;
- k. vandalizing or tampering with data of another user;
- l. obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
- m. gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files;
- n. identifying oneself with another person's name or password, using an account or password of another user, allowing another person access through use the Student's username and password;
- o. invading the privacy of other individuals;

- p. divulging personally identifying information about self or other individuals either on the Internet or in an email. Personally identifying information includes full names, address, and phone number.
- q. unauthorized use of the school's computers for financial or commercial gain;
- r. theft or vandalism of data, equipment, or intellectual property;
- s. attempting to gain access or gaining access to student records, grades, or files;
- t. introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the network;
- u. degrading or disrupting equipment or network performance;
- v. creating a web page or associating a web page with the school without proper authorization;
- w. providing access to the school's computers or Internet access to unauthorized individuals;
- x. failing to obey school or classroom computer or Internet use rules;
- y. taking part in any activity related to Internet use which creates a clear and present danger of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
- z. Installing or downloading software on school computers without prior approval of technology coordinator or his/her designee.

5. Liability for debts: Students and their cosigners shall be liable for any and all costs (debts) incurred through the student's use of the computers or the Internet including penalties for copyright violations.

6. No Expectation of Privacy: The Student and parent/guardian signing below agree that though use of the school's computers and/or Internet access, whether authorized or unauthorized, the Student has no right to privacy on school computers, network and/or Internet access. The Student and the parent/guardian agree that the school may monitor the Student's use of the school's computers and Internet access and may also examine all activities the Student participates in, including but not limited to, e-mail, usernames, passwords, web browsing, downloads, uploads, documents generated and accessed, voice, and video transmissions. The school may share such transmissions with the Student's parents/guardians, law enforcement personnel, and other agencies as deemed appropriate by the school.

7. No Guarantees: The school will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent and Student recognize that the school makes no guarantees about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the Student.

8. Signatures: We, the persons who have signed below, have read this agreement and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student's Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

Once completed, turn this form into the school office for delivery to the Technology Department Head.