

# Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the Internet

## A. Introduction

The Internet is a global system of computers connected by telephone or cable lines. It is a fluid environment of constantly changing, **unregulated information**. It is a two-way communication tool, which enhances the ability to engage in new and exciting learning opportunities.

Using computers in practical applications and accessing information via the Internet are skills that users need now and will need in the future.

It is impossible to predict, with certainty, the accuracy and age-appropriateness of material that users may access. It is possible that Internet users might access sites that could be considered objectionable. While reasonable steps to prevent such access will be taken, it is not possible to guarantee that users will not accidentally or purposely find inappropriate materials.

## B. Guidelines

It is an expectation that Pilot Butte School computer resources are to be used in a reasonable, ethical, moral and legal manner in accordance with the mission statements, values, understandings and beliefs of the Prairie Valley School Division and Pilot Butte School.

Pilot Butte School considers all connections to remote locations on the Internet as "Electronic Field Trips." Therefore, the rules that apply to student conduct on regular field trips also apply to these Electronic Field Trips.

The Internet should not be used for commercial activity.

Students who fail to follow the above guidelines will be dealt with under the existing rules and regulations of the school. Students may have their computer, e-mail or Internet privileges suspended or terminated depending on the severity of the misuse. All decisions will be made by the subject and homeroom teacher in consultation with the school administration.

Random checks of files and/or e-mail may occur to determine whether the Internet is being used in a manner consistent with this policy.

## C. Roles and Responsibilities

### School Division

The Board will provide and support practicable student and staff access to the Internet and will strive to ensure that this access is current and consistent to a common system wide standard.

School Staff

Staff will have opportunities to receive inservice on Internet usage.

The school will provide information on Internet usage to the parents and students through some of the following forums – newsletter, parent night, student agenda, etc.

Prior to publishing material on the Internet it must be approved by the teacher. The subject teacher will review student work with regards to quality and taste prior to publishing on the school web site. Any questionable material must receive approval from the administration.

Website/Email/Blog/Chat

Students using the internet from any source whether it be at school or at home should continue to observe the school’s code of conduct while communicating through websites, email, blog sites or chat sites. Communication found to be harassing in nature will not be tolerated whether done during school hours or out and will be dealt with as a breach of the code of conduct.

Student

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Users are responsible for their own actions and inappropriate use of the Internet has consequences. Consequences will depend on the severity of the situation and may include suspension of Internet privileges.

Home

Pilot Butte School expects that parents/guardians will discuss use of and exposure to the Internet with their children and reinforce the AUP of the school.

**D. Acceptable Use Agreement**

I understand my responsibilities pertaining to the use of the Internet. I agree to follow the Internet guidelines developed by my school as outlined in the Pilot Butte School Acceptable Use Policy. Further, I understand that any violation of the above conditions or rules of the Acceptable Use Policy may result in a suspension of privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by my school.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To Parent/Guardians:**

The above policy has been outlined for your information. If you do not wish your child to have access to the Internet please notify the school in writing by September 1, 2006.