

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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Policy Title: Information Network Acceptable Use

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The Board of Trustees of Post Falls School District No. 273 recognizes the importance of using current technologies in the schools as part of a planned program to prepare students for a technological society. The Board of Trustees authorizes the establishment of computer networks with Internet access for administrative and instructional use. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational administrative use and educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The primary purpose of the Internet is educational. However, with access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in a school setting. Post Falls School District, through proper training of its students and teachers, proper teacher supervision of students, and use of internet filter hardware will take the necessary precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a worldwide network, it is impossible to control all materials that a user may try to access. Users must take full responsibility for their own actions. The District believes that the valuable information and interactions available through the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

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1. **Acceptable Use:** The purpose of the information network is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the internet/network must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Post Falls School District.
2. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student, before being authorized to access the internet/network, will be trained in the proper use of the network. The system administrators, district administrators or teachers will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final.
3. **Network Etiquette:** Each use of the network, student or staff member, is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your message to others.
 - B. E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Within a school district, e-mail may be considered public information. There is no guarantee of confidentiality.
 - C. Do not use the network in such a way that the use of the network is disruptive to by others.
 - D. All communications and information accessible via the network should not be considered private.
 - E. Connection of personal computing devices to the district's network are covered under the same conditions as district property. Staff and students who engage in activities that violate the terms and conditions are subject to cancellation of network privileges on both personal and district equipment.
 - F. Access to information from outside the district, whether stored directly on district servers or on servers outside the district contracted to house information, is covered by the same terms and conditions of the district's internet contract. Abuse of the services provided will result in termination of network privileges inside the district and outside.
 - G. Use of any type of application or service designed to bypass district filtering or security settings will result in immediate suspension of network and internet privileges and could included further action by district administrators. This included anything brought into the district on personal storage devices.
 - H. Logging in with another user's credentials is a violation of security on the district network and will result in immediate suspension of network and internet privileges.
4. **Security:** Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves hundreds of users as ours does. Identified security problems must be reported to the classroom supervisor. Attempts by a student to log on to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

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Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand and will abide by this district’s policy titled Information Network Terms and Conditions. Should I commit any violation of the policy, my access privileges will be revoked and school disciplinary and/or legal action may be taken.

User Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Parent or Guardian (If the student is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must also read and sign this agreement).

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read this district’s policy entitled Information Network Terms and Conditions. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and this district has taken available precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the district to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold it responsible for materials acquired on the computer network service. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child’s use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child for the duration of his/her enrollment in the Post Falls School District and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. Should I at any time desire my student’s internet access revoked, I will submit a written request to the district office.

Parent or Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

User’s Full Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

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