

# VALLEY HEIGHTS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET AND EMAIL USER AGREEMENT

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the school network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The Network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Independent access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required for minors. Access is a privilege, not a right. Primary use is educational and as such has priority over recreational use. Access entails responsibility.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files or email stored on district servers will always be private.

During school, teachers will guide students in accessing appropriate materials. Outside of school, families must bear responsibility for such guidance-as they also must with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

## The following are not permitted:

1. Sending, accessing or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
2. Using obscene language.
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
4. Damaging computers, printers, scanners or other network equipment.
5. Violating copyright laws.
6. Using or disclosing others' passwords or personal information.
7. Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
8. Employing the network for commercial purposes.
9. Acting in a manner deemed inappropriate.
10. Accessing Web-Mail or participating in chat rooms.



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## Sanctions:

1. Violations may result in a loss of access.
2. Violations may be subject to disciplinary action.
3. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

## USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

(User is defined as any individual, authorized or unauthorized, who accesses the district's communication system.)

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User Signature

Date

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Parent

(Must be signed if user is a student)

Date

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School Official

Date