

Pagosa Peak Open School

Acceptable Computer and Internet Use Student Contract

The computer system is owned by the school and is made available to the students to further their education. The school's computer Internet Access Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties – the students, the staff, and the school.

It is all staff members' responsibility to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with other individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as once a year short training sessions, one-on-one education with individual students, and/or via educational handouts. It is also the responsibility of all staff members to monitor students' online activity for appropriate behavior. The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer system or to monitor any Internet sites visited.

Students requesting access to the school's computers and the Internet must sign a copy of this Acceptable Computer and Internet Use Student Contract and return it for approval.

1. All Internet activity should be appropriate to the student's education.
2. The use of email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communications for non-educational purposes is not allowed. Use of email and specific chat rooms will only be permitted if part of a specific class activity and will be monitored by the respective teacher.
3. Access should be made via the authorized account and password, which should not be made available to any other person.
4. Activities that are detrimental to the school network system, computer hardware, or activity that attaches or corrupts other systems is forbidden.
5. Users are responsible for all email sent and for contacts made that may result in email being received.
6. As email can be forwarded or inadvertently sent to the wrong person, the same polite and responsible levels of language content should be applied as for letters or other media.
7. Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden.
8. Use of chat rooms is forbidden.
9. Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden.
10. Copyright or materials must be respected; graphics and text that is copied must be cited with its original source.
11. Use of network to access inappropriate material such as pornographic, racist or offensive material is forbidden.

I understand that failure to comply with this policy may result in privileges to use the Internet or network being revoked and disciplinary action being taken. I will not give my home address, location of my school, phone numbers, or any personal information about myself or any other student or school personnel to anyone via the Internet.

Printed Full Name of Student _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____