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Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology

Network and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

The Central Virginia Governor's School (CVGS) network and Internet services are designed to enhance student learning by supporting instructional activities within the school and by providing students with access to the resources available on the Internet. Through our Internet connections, students can search libraries for information on research topics, download data to use in their research, and communicate with scientists, political leaders and other students around the world. Through the access we grant students to Google Drive and Google Apps, students are able to organize and store their files securely off-site and participate in numerous meaningful educational activities. Because of its enormous size, the educational potential of the Internet is boundless, and the continuous creation of new and more powerful Internet applications holds great promise for students as well. However, with such great potential for education also comes potential for abuse.

With Internet access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of content that may not be considered to be of educational value or may be objectionable. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover pornographic and/or other controversial materials. The Governor's School faculty and Governing Board firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweighs the possibility that users may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of the school. Therefore, it is the purpose of this Agreement to ensure that parents are fully informed and that students and faculty members use the CVGS network and Internet in an appropriate manner.

The Governor's School considers any violation of the Acceptable Use Agreement a serious offense and reserves the right to copy and examine any files or information resident on CVGS systems or equipment at any time and without notice. The use of the CVGS network and equipment is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action by school officials and/or the cancellation of those privileges.

Examples of unacceptable use of CVGS network telecommunications services include but are not limited to the:

- use for any purposes which violate local, state, federal, or international laws.
- interference or disruption of network users, services, or equipment.
- use of another person's account.
- sharing of your account with any other person. You are solely responsible for any actions which occur in relation to your account.
- use of the network to send a message misrepresenting the origin of the message.

- dissemination of personal addresses or telephone numbers of other students or colleagues.
- use of impolite, malicious, threatening, inflammatory, sexist, racist, or obscene language in public or private messages.
- use of computer programs to decode passwords or access control information.
- unauthorized entry into other computational, information, or communications services, devices, or resources unless authorized by a teacher as part of a cybersecurity exercise.
- attempt to change, harm, or destroy data of other users (includes the use of computer viruses).
- use for commercial purposes.
- use for political lobbying.
- use for retrieving or sending pornographic material.
- falsification of one's identity to others.
- creation, transmittal, or use of illegal copies of copyrighted software.
- waste of computing resources. Examples include intentionally placing a program in an endless loop, sending chain letters or junk mail, and printing excessive amounts of paper.

The most important prerequisite for a student or educator to receive an account to use the CVGS network and equipment is that he or she take full responsibility for his or her own actions. The Central Virginia Governor's School will not be liable for the actions of anyone using the network and equipment. All users shall assume full liability, legal, financial, or otherwise, for their actions. The signature(s) on the Acceptable Use Agreement form is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Please sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement Form in your student registration package and return to the CVGS office.