

Ceres Unified School District  
**TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT**  
**Grades 7-12**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Please read this Agreement carefully. This Agreement covers computers, Internet, digital cameras and scanners, digital projectors, and all other technology use at Ceres Unified School District. When signed by you, and if appropriate, your guardian/parent, **it becomes a legally binding contract**. Before you can be provided with access, you must do the following:

- be instructed in proper behavior and use regarding Internet
- initial where indicated
- sign agreement form (both the student and the parent/guardian)
- return to your teacher

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Personal Responsibility.** As a representative of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to a teacher. Misuse may come in many forms, but it is commonly viewed as any transmission(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism and inappropriate language and other issues described below.

I have read and understand this provision. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Acceptable Use.** The use of Internet access must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the educational goals and objectives of the Ceres Unified School District. I am personally responsible for my Internet use.
- a. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
  - b. Transmission of any material in violation of United States or other state regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
  - c. Engaging in commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable.
  - d. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.

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3. **Privileges.** The use of the electronic information system is a privilege for students in the Ceres Unified School District, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of my privileges and school disciplinary action.

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4. **Guidelines.** I will abide by guidelines which include but are not limited to the following:
- a. **BE POLITE.** Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
  - b. **USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.** Remember that you are a representative of your school and Ceres Unified School District on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally! Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
  - c. **PRIVACY.** Do not reveal any personal information, your home address or personal phone numbers or those of students or colleagues. Report to your teacher any person who asks for personal information or violates your privacy.
  - d. **ELECTRONIC MAIL.** Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to your teacher.
  - e. **DISRUPTIONS.** Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others. Do not download huge files from places half a globe away. Only take the information you want and need.
  - f. **GAMES.** Do not play games with others on the Network or on the Internet.
  - g. **MISUSE.** Report to your teacher any misuse of the Network.
  - h. **PASSWORDS AND ACCOUNT:**  
Keep your password secure. Do not share your password with others. Do not allow others to use your account. Do not use other people's password or account.
  - i. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**  
 Keep e-mail messages brief.  
 Minimize spelling errors and make sure your message is easy to understand and read.  
 Use accurate and descriptive titles for your articles.  
 Get the most appropriate audience for your message, not the widest.  
 Remember that humor and satire is very often misinterpreted.  
 Remember that if you post to multiple groups, specify all groups in a single message.  
 Cite references for any facts you present or material you use.  
 Forgive spelling and grammar errors of others.  
 Keep signatures brief.  
 Remember that all network users are people who deserve consideration.  
 Don't "attack" correspondents; persuade them with facts.  
 Post only to groups you know.

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Initial \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Services.** Ceres Unified School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Ceres Unified School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or by your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. Ceres Unified School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its services.

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6. **Security.** Security on any computer system is a high priority. If you identify a security problem, notify a teacher or administrator at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. All use of the system must be under your own account. Any misuse of your account is your responsibility.

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7. **Vandalism.** Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, or that of agencies, or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, disrupting or limiting access to network resources, or using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network. Any violation may result in the loss of your network privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal referral.

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8. **Identification Cards.** While using the Internet you must display on your terminal your I.D. card which signifies you have signed this agreement. Failure to display your card will result in revocation of privileges.

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9. **Definitions & Consequences.** Inappropriate use is defined as using the Internet in any way that is contrary to school policy, local, state and federal law. If your child violates any rules, he/she may be subject to any one or all of the following consequences.

- a. Suspension from class
- b. Suspension from school
- c. Loss of computer privileges
- d. Recommendation for expulsion

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- 10 Student art work/writing/photo/video may be considered for publication. This may include publication on the Internet as part of our school's web page or other media during this school year. No student's full name, home address, telephone number, or email will be published on District Web pages. Group student photos can be published showing students working on projects and other activities. First names can be published with those photos. Students will not be identified by full name on any photo.

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## Required Signatures

### STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this agreement. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to my teacher or administrator. Misuse may come in many forms, but may be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

*Student Name (please print):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student Number* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Students under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this agreement and understand that it is designed for educational purposes. I understand that is impossible for Ceres Unified School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the Ceres Unified School District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to a teacher or administrator. I understand that misuse may come in many forms; it is commonly viewed as any transmission(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

*Parent/Guardian Name (please print):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

(This information is also available in the Student Conduct Code Handbook.)\_\_\_\_