Cuyahoga Falls City Schools
Computer and Internet Acceptable Use

Computer access is available to students and teachers of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District. The Internet provides access to vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers in pursuit of educational excellence.

The Cuyahoga Falls City School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, it is impossible to control all materials, an industrious user may discover controversial information. Cuyahoga Falls City Schools firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the internet far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

The operation of the network relies on the proper conduct of the end users that must adhere to strict guidelines. The guidelines are provided so that students and parents are aware of the responsibility of using computers and the Internet. This requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources.

Guidelines

♦ **Privileges** – The use of the computers and the Internet is a privilege not a right and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of these privileges and appropriate disciplinary measures.

♦ **Privacy** – Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and to insure that students are using the system responsibly.

♦ **Storage capacity** – Users are expected to remain within allocated disk space and delete material which takes up excessive storage space. Student H drives will be emptied at the end of each school year and students wanting to save any files should store them on diskettes at the end of the year.

♦ **Illegal copying** – Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware or free ware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the Network Administrator. Students should not send or receive copyrighted materials in violation of U.S. copyright law. Nor should students copy other peoples work, login to other people’s accounts or access other people’s files.

♦ **Inappropriate materials or language** – No profane, abusive or impolite language should be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behavior. A good rule to follow is never view, send or access materials, which you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately. Cuyahoga Falls City Schools discretion determine what materials may violate these standards.

♦ **Reliability** – Cuyahoga Falls City Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet.

♦ **Security** – Security of any computer system is a high priority. If a student can identify a security problem on the Internet the supervising teacher should be notified immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access by the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.
♦ **Vandalism** – Vandalism or harassment will result in the cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is any attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, the Internet or the network that is connected to the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Harassment is the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference of another user’s work. Restitution for damages will be assessed at the current replacement value of the hardware.

♦ **Educational Use** – The computers are for educational use only. Playing of games, instant messaging, sending network messages, use of MySpace.com, accessing sites using a proxy server or remote connection, chat rooms and purchasing items on the Internet are not educational uses. At this time email is not available to students.

♦ **Additional Guidelines** – Additional guidelines will be developed from time to time as conditions warrant. Users will be expected to comply with any new guidelines.

♦ **Release** – In consideration for the privilege of using the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Computer network, every account user releases the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, its operators and administrators from any and all claims of any nature arising from his/her use, or inability to use the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Computer Network.

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Computer Acceptable Use Form  
Please Return to School Office

Students and parent MUST fill out all information on this form in order for the student to use any network computer belonging to Cuyahoga Falls City School District. Students must return this form to the School Office. A new form is required each school year.

Student Access Contract

Student name: (please print)________________________________________Grade____________

I understand and will abide by the provisions of the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines. I understand that any violations of the guidelines will result in disciplinary action. This could include revoking of my user account and appropriate action by school authorities.

Student Signature_ ________________________________Date_________________

Parent Release

Parent or Guardian (If the applicant is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement). As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the entire guidelines for the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Computer and Internet Acceptable Use and agree to its conditions. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes. I confirm my child’s intention to abide by these guidelines.

Please check only one of the following:

□□ □□ I give my permission for my child’s name and/or photo to appear in school sponsored publications, newspaper articles, TV Cable shows, district web page, district calendar and/or annual report while they attend the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.

□□ □□ I do not give permission for my child’s name and/or photo to be used in the above mentioned publications.

Parent/Guardian Name___________________________________________________

Signature______________________________________Date___________________

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