

KNIGHTS FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTERNET RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT – 2017-2018

Knights Ferry School District now has access to the Internet - a collection of thousands of interconnected computer networks around the world that allows almost instantaneous sharing of information.

Students and staff will have access to college and university libraries, information and news from a variety of sources and research institutions, software of all types, electronic mail and discussion groups on a wide variety of topics, and much more.

Knights Ferry School District strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes the potential of such to support our curriculum and student learning in our district. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. We also want to take every precaution to protect students and staff from any misuses or abuses of this world-wide service.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the potential availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. There may be some material or individual communications which are not suitable for school-age children.

In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

Students must agree to responsible use of the system under the rules for use listed below.

I, _____, agree to the following obligations & responsibilities:
Student's Name

1. I will not use the Internet unless a school administrator, teacher, aide, or secretary is present in the room and has FIRST given permission.
2. The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
3. Students shall use the district's system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
4. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.
Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
5. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students also shall be cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardian.
Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.
6. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.
7. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
8. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
9. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.
10. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking".
11. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.
12. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or Superintendent/Principal.

Student's Signature (K-2 don't need to sign)

A Student **MUST BE PREPARED** to be held accountable for his/her actions and for the loss of privileges if the rules listed on the reverse side of this form are violated.

The district reserves the right to monitor use of the district's systems for improper use without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use.

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the Superintendent/Principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

Use of the District's computer system is a privilege, not a right. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and insure that students are using the system responsibly. Anyone can read what you write. Consequences for violating the behavior standards outlined above include:

- loss of technology privileges from 1 month to 1 year, depending on the severity.
- repayment of any damages caused to equipment.
- suspension/expulsion

Staff shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

Student use of district computers to access social networking sites is prohibited.

In order to use the Internet, students and parents must sign the agreement to indicate understanding of the conditions of responsibility and return this form to their child's teacher.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

District computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that it is designated for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the school. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described in this document.

I understand that my child is responsible for his or her behavior, and agree to the consequences set up by Knights Ferry School.

Parent or Guardian Names (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Signature (K-2 don't need to sign): _____ Date: _____

This form will be kept on file until the end of the school year