



# ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL

## ACCEPTABLE USE CONTRACT FOR STUDENT USERS

Please read this document carefully. When signed by you (as parent/guardian), **it becomes a legally binding contract. We must have your signature before we can provide your child with independent network access.** Please review the following with your child so that he/she understands and is in agreement with the terms and conditions of this contract. If any user violates these, access to the information service may be denied and your child may be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

### Terms and Conditions of the Networked Information Resources Acceptable Use Contract

#### 1. Personal Responsibility

I understand and take complete responsibility for using the computer network correctly in accordance with the acceptable use policy. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. I will report to a teacher, librarian or network administrator activities on the computer network that I know are wrong or that make me feel uncomfortable to a teacher, librarian or network administrator.

#### 2. Acceptable Use

##### I will:

- use all school computers and network access only for educational purposes and for completing classroom projects, research and assignments
- follow all copyright laws
- cite my sources when using material gathered from the network in a project

##### I will not:

- share private information about myself, other students or staff
- access, send or display offensive messages or pictures
- use inappropriate or obscene language
- harass, insult or attack others
- damage or do anything that might damage computers, computer systems, computer networks, or data (for example, loading a file that may introduce a virus)
- load or download any software on district computers
- post or distribute copyrighted material
- redistribute material gathered from the network without permission of the author
- use others' passwords or share my password or any other password
- trespass in others' folders, work or files
- attempt unauthorized access to computer systems, networks, or data
- buy, sell or advertise anything on the school network

I am aware that some inappropriate uses of the network can be a violation of local, state and federal laws and that I can be prosecuted for violating those laws.

#### 3. Safety

To protect myself and others I will follow the following safety rules:

- I will never give out my or anyone else's password, last name, address, telephone number, or school name to any online source
- I will not respond to any messages that make me feel uncomfortable. I will show such messages to a teacher, librarian or network administrator

#### 4. Network Etiquette and Privacy

I understand that information accessed or stored on the network are NOT private. Network administrators may look at files to make sure that the system is working properly and that users are using the system responsibly. In addition, files are sometimes sent to the wrong place. Users of the network are part of a global community. I will follow generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

#### 5. Privileges

The use of the network is a privilege, not a right. If I do not use it correctly, I will lose my access to the network. Teachers, librarians, technology support staff, and administrators will decide what is appropriate use of the computer; their decision is final. A teacher, librarian, technology support staff member, or administrator may request that my network access be revoked, suspended or denied at any time.

#### 6. Services

The ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL will not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable due to technical, or other, difficulties. ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through the network. I will take full responsibility for evaluating my sources of information for accuracy and biases.

The ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL strongly believes in the educational value of Internet resources. Our goal in providing this access is to support our curriculum and student learning by facilitating resource sharing, research, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual users. Students have access to people all over the world and a broad range of online information resources, such as NASA, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian.

Access to computers and sources throughout the world may provide potential exposure to material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive to some people. ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL has taken steps to instruct students on acceptable network use and proper network etiquette, to restrict access to inappropriate resources and information on the network, and to monitor student use of the network. However, on a global network it is impossible to completely control and monitor student access to data. The primary responsibility for access will rest with the student. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet exceeds the disadvantages. (Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using networked information sources.)

#### Student User:

I have read the attached contract, understand my responsibilities while using the computer network, and will follow all rules in the Acceptable Use Contract, as well as school rules that may apply.

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

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

Students under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this contract in order to have independent access to network resources such as the Internet.

#### Parent or Guardian:

As the parent or guardian of the minor student signing above, I have read the attached contract and grant permission for my child to access networked computer services including the Internet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be considered objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance regarding Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's technology use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to allow independent network access for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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