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## **User Agreement and Parent Permission Form**

As a user of the Southwest Minnesota Christian High School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the previously stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable and trustworthy fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept the responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### **Internet Permission Form**

## **Southwest Minnesota Christian High School**

Proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, the community of Southwest Minnesota Christian High School provides a Biblically based education to guide young people toward their goal to grow in wisdom and stature, and their commitment to serve both God and neighbor in all aspects of life.

We are pleased to offer Southwest Minnesota Christian High School students access to the computer network for the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 19 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the Technology Coordinator. Students over 19 may sign their own forms.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Student access to and use of the Internet will be available under teacher direction during school hours only. All student activity on the network and the Internet will be monitored.

Southwest Minnesota Christian High School has taken the best available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. We have an Internet content filter protecting every station on the network. During the school day, teachers are available to guide students toward the use of appropriate materials. Nonetheless, families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well.

We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to teach discernment and to set standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, Southwest Christian High School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

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### **School Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer network just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. We expect our students to use technology with discernment and integrity.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. **Network administrators may review files and communications** to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on the network server would always be private. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

Students will be given a password that is to be kept confidential at all times. Any student who feels their password has been violated must contact the Technology Coordinator immediately. Anytime a student's work appears to have been copied from the network files, both the student whose work was copied and the student who copied the work will be prosecuted according to the general rules of cheating.

The following are not permitted:

- Intentionally accessing inappropriate web sites
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Unauthorized personal e-mail or Instant Message type communications

Violations will be dealt with using the three-strike method:

1st violation = student will have no access to computers for 1 week

2<sup>nd</sup> violation = student will have no access to computers for 6 weeks

3<sup>rd</sup> violation = student will have no access to computers for remainder of school year

Violations may also result in grade reduction as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

