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# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL USE OF THE INTERNET**

The Humboldt County Office of Education and your district are pleased to announce that access for EDUCATIONAL USE OF THE INTERNET is now available.

INTERNET access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines by Internet. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of your responsibilities.

In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, the account will be terminated and future access may be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

### **INTERNET - Terms and Conditions**

1. **Acceptable Use** - The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of your district. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. You will be responsible for assisting with monitoring the account. You may be asked to periodically report your experiences using the INTERNET in an educational setting.
2. **Unacceptable Use** - Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, harassing, or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. Any transmission or reception of pornographic material is expressly prohibited and will result in the cancellation of the account.
3. **Privileges** - The use of INTERNET is a privilege, and unacceptable use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of any school district may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.

4. Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Be polite.
- b. Use appropriate language.
- c. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- d. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- f. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

5. Warranties - The Humboldt County Office of Education and the district make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Humboldt County Office of Education and the district will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the INTERNET is at your own risk.

6. Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you can identify a security problem on the INTERNET, notify the HCOE Information Network Services Department at (707) 445-7028, or E-mail [ssetter@humboldt.k12.ca.us](mailto:ssetter@humboldt.k12.ca.us). Attempts to login to INTERNET as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges.

7. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, INTERNET, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the INTERNET. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.