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WHS Computer Use Policy for Students

We require that students and parents accept, and sign the following rules for acceptable use of technology. Access to the Internet and the use of the computer network is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The faculty and staff of Windover High School reserve the right to request the administrator to suspend specific user accounts.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) all WHS students will access the Internet through an appropriate filter that blocks objectionable (inappropriate and harmful) material. Objectionable material is defined as any visual depiction of obscenity, pornography, or other depictions not appropriate for students. The filter is set to automatically block these kinds of web pages. Sites that advocate antisocial behavior will also be blocked to the extent possible. The safety and security of WHS students are of utmost importance. It is expected that students will never give personal information to a stranger by way of email, chat rooms, or other forms of electronic communications.

1. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the Windover High School Network. General school rules for behavior and communications apply to the Internet.
2. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files are private.
3. **USERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM** using the technology for a "for-profit" business, for product advertisement or political lobbying the malicious use of technology to disrupt the use of technology by others, to harass or to discriminate against others and to infiltrate unauthorized computer systems using Windover High School information technologies to draft, send, or receive inappropriate communications and material including but not limited to items which are pornographic, obscene, profane, vulgar, harassing, threatening, defamatory or otherwise prohibited by law participating in hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviors on the network vandalizing Windover High School or any other information technologies (Windover High School's or any others). Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm, destroy, disrupt or hack the operation of the Windover High School Network. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the creation or intentional receipt or transmission of computer viruses

Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior:

Windover High School’s system is not a public forum and access to technology is a privilege and not a right. Any user who does not comply with the Electronic Information Access and Use Policy will lose network privileges. Repeated or severe infractions of the policy may result in permanent termination of privileges. Users violating any of the rights and responsibilities may face additional disciplinary action deemed appropriate in keeping with the disciplinary policies and guidelines of the school.

**WHS ELECTRONIC INFO AND USE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

- Windover High School has developed an Electronic Information Access and Use for Educational Purposes Policy for the Internet, local and wide area networks, computers, and related equipment.
- Access to and use of the Internet, local and wide area networks, computers, and related equipment is a privilege for the user.
- I have read, understand, and will abide by the Electronic Information Access and Use Policy and this agreement.
- I understand that should I commit any violation, my privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.
- Members having accounts on the Windover High School Network should be advised that they might locate the material that could be considered offensive or controversial.
- Parents of minors should be aware of the existence of such materials and monitor home usage of the system.
- Students knowingly bringing or downloading such material into the school environment will be dealt with according to the discipline policies of Windover High School and such activities may result in termination of their account on the network.
- In consideration for the privilege of using the WHS Network and in consideration for having access to the information contained or accessed on it, I hereby release Windover High School and its operators and sponsors, its faculty and staff and all organizations, groups, and institutions with which WHS is affiliated for any and all claims of any nature arising from my use, my child’s use or inability to use of the WHS Network.

Please check the following boxes to indicate if you have technology at home:

Yes, I have equipment, such as laptop, chrome book, computer to access web based programs

No, I do not have equipment to access web based programs

Yes, I have internet access

No, I do not have internet access

User Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

