

## **INTERNET SAFETY AND ONLINE SERVICES POLICY**

Reid Traditional Schools believes that the benefits to education and students from access to the internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. But, ultimately, the parent(s) and/or guardian of the student is responsible for setting and conveying the standards that the student should follow. Reid Traditional Schools supports and respects each family's right to decide on access to the internet for their child.

In order to provide a safe learning environment while utilizing the educational resources available on the internet, our staff has been trained in the appropriate use of technology. Students receive instruction about internet safety, appropriate online behavior, precautions about interaction on social networking sites, and awareness of and response to cyberbullying. Reid Traditional Schools cannot control the information distributed through the internet. To the extent that is reasonable and possible with the technology currently available, including content filters, our internet safety measures provide the following security functions:

1. Ensure the safety and security of students when using electronic mail or other forms of direct electronic communications
2. Restrict access by adults and students to visual depictions that are obscene, inappropriate, or harmful to students
3. Protect against unauthorized access, hacking, and other unlawful activities by students or adults online
4. Prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding students
5. Monitor the online activities of students

Internet use and all computer access are for the support of educational goals and objectives. Your child may have personal supervised access to the internet, and some internet information may be shown to the whole class. All internet and computer use will be under the supervision of the teacher in charge of the lesson. No chat rooms will be allowed for students. There will be no personal student email accounts. A copy of the full Acceptable Use policy is available online, and the Instructor will review this policy with students in the classroom.

### **STUDENT AND PARENT CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM**

(Your child's teacher will provide this portion to your child in class)

By signing this Consent and Waiver form, I and my parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to the following rights and responsibilities:

1. I will limit my use of internet and online services and computers in school to the educational objectives established by my teachers.
2. I will follow the rules of network etiquette, which include the use of appropriate language and polite responses.
3. I will not share my home address or phone number with another user.
4. I will not plagiarize information in any form. I will not violate copyright laws.
5. I will not attempt to bypass the security built into the system. I recognize that this may result in cancellation of network privileges.
6. I will print only when permitted.
7. I will not use the Reid Traditional Schools network access for illegal purposes.
8. I will not use unauthorized chat areas, unauthorized media, or unauthorized external drives. I will not download games or any other files to the hard drive or workstations.
9. My parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be responsible for damages, losses, or costs incurred by the school system relating to or arising from any violation of the rules by me.

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

As the parent or guardian of the child listed above, I have read the Consent and Waiver Form for the use of the network and computer services in the classroom and have discussed this with my child. I understand that this access is for educational use only, and it is the responsibility of my child to restrict use for the stated purposes of the lesson and projects assigned. I also accept full responsibility for supervision, if and when my child’s use of these services is in a setting other than the school. By signing this, I give my permission for my child to use the network and computer services in a supervised manner only for educational purposes.

Please check only one:

- YES, I give my child permission for internet access with teacher.
- NO, I do not give my child permission to access the internet. In checking this choice, I realize my child may receive an alternative assignment in an alternative classroom setting. The assignment will provide quality instruction in the same subject matter. The student will not be denied an equal education as a result of this choice. The student’s grade will not be adversely affected by this alternative assignment.

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

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_