

## Appendix E

**ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Contract for Students and Parents  
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**Acceptable Use Agreement for Technology Equipment and  
Resources**

Agreement: In exchange for the use of the Arvin Union School District computer networks or systems, either at school or away from school, I understand and agree to the following:

Students, please read this document carefully. When signed by you, it becomes a legally binding contract. We must have your signature and that of your parent/guardian before we can provide you with an access account.

Listed below are the provisions of this contract. If any user violates these provisions, access to the information service may be denied and you may be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Terms and Conditions of This Contract**

#### **1. Personal Responsibility**

As a representative of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the principal. Misuse can come in many forms, but it is commonly viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues.

#### **2. Acceptable Use**

The use of my assigned account must be in support of education and research and with the educational goals and objectives of the Arvin Union School District. I am personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

- a. Use of other organization's networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- b. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or other state organizations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets.

- c. Use of commercial activities by for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable.
- d. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
- e. Access to online services that provide information considered to be pornographic or immoral is also prohibited.
- f. Accessing Social Networking websites within the network is prohibited. Such websites include, but are not limited to, myspace, Xanga, webshots, youthink, studentcenter, Hi5, and friendster. Teachers will inform the students of the dangers and problems associated with using social networking websites prior to the first use of the Internet. The district may choose to use an internal web site to promote 'blogging' or other forms of communication for staff and students.

### **3. Privileges**

The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Students will participate in an orientation with an Arvin Union School District faculty member as to proper behavior and use of the network. The principal will decide what is appropriate use and his/her decision is final. The principal may close an account at any time if necessary. The administration, staff, or faculty of Arvin Union School District may request the District deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

### **4. Netiquette (Network Etiquette)**

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

- a. **BE POLITE.** Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
- b. **USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.** Remember that you are a representative of our school and district on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally! Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
- c. **PRIVACY.** Do not reveal home addresses or personal phone numbers.
- d. **ELECTRONIC MAIL.** Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Everyone on the system has access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to the authorities.

- e. DISRUPTIONS. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.

**5. Areas Of Use**

The use of Arvin Union School District computers should be for the purpose of (in order of priority):

1. academic support
2. communication
3. general information

Games, whether online, on CD-ROM, or on diskettes, are not acceptable uses of the system unless specifically designated by a teacher or staff member as academic support.

**6. Services**

The Arvin Union School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district provides filtering software to exclude pornographic or academically unacceptable sites from being viewed. Because filtering software is not capable of blocking all inappropriate sites, the Arvin Union School District does not guarantee that all sites will be blocked. The Arvin Union School District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. The Arvin Union School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its services.

**7. Security**

Security on any computer system is a high priority because there are so many users. If you identify a security problem, notify the teacher at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account without written permission from that person.

**8. Ethical Use**

Plagiarism of ideas or information will be grounds for disciplinary action. Theft or piracy of software and/or vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and legal referral.

**Required Signatures**

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**STUDENT**

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the appropriate Arvin Union School District administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that it is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the Arvin Union School District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the appropriate Arvin Union School District administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Yes

No

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

Signature   X   \_\_\_\_\_

Date   X   \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/SPONSOR**

**I have read this contract and I acknowledge this agreement with the student. The student will be able to use the Internet for individual work and work in conjunction with other classes; I cannot be responsible for the use the student may give while using the Internet. As the teacher/sponsor I agree to guide the student and instruct the student on acceptable use of Internet resources. I also agree to report any misuse of technology resources to the administrator of the Arvin Union School District. Inappropriate use is defined in many ways, it can be considered inappropriate by sending or receiving anything that suggests pornography, illicit solicitation, racism, sexual harassment, inappropriate language, and other points mentioned above.**

Teacher Name (Hand Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_