***21st Century Learning***

My goal is to provide all students with 21st Century skills that will make them competitive in an ever increasing global workforce. As a result, this class frequently uses technology to assist in the completion of our daily learning objectives. Research has shown that students learn more, learn faster and retain more information when they are engaged in activities that they enjoy and I believe that all children enjoy computers.

Use of email and the Internet is a crucial aspect of all my classes. I can assure all parents that Internet usage will be monitored very closely. Also, all students will need to register for Gmail (email) accounts for my class this year.

The following policies will regulate the use of the Internet. These rules have been designed to keep our computers and classrooms functioning at the highest of standards. To have access to email and the Internet, please read the following, have your parent/guardian read and sign showing that you all agree to abide by the terms of this document. **The use of the Internet is a privilege—not a right and can be revoked!**

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**Online Safety Pledge**

For safety reasons, when using email or the Internet:

*(Students please initial each item)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not give out personal information such as name, address, parental information, school

name or school location without the permission of my teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will immediately notify my teacher if I come across any information that makes me feel

awkward or uncomfortable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will never forward my picture or anything else without first getting my teacher’s approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not return any messages that are inappropriate or make me feel uncomfortable. If I receive

a message like this, I will notify my teacher.

**The following activities are illegal and I will not willingly participate in them:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gaining unauthorized access to any place that I am not supposed to be.

\_\_\_\_\_ Disrupting any computer system.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contributing to the spread of electronic viruses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Engaging in any illegal activity online.

\_\_\_\_\_I am aware that any online correspondence I send is a reflection of my school and me.

\_\_\_\_\_My messages will be short, courteous, and to the point.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not use obscene language, engage in personal or discriminatory attacks, or post false

or misleading information about individuals or organizations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not access, download, or distribute any pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.

\_\_\_\_\_I will not access, download, or distribute an inappropriate information or graphics.

***These policies and procedures must be adhered to and any violation of these rules will be met with zero tolerance.***

* Students must abide by their signed contracts.
* The use of the computer is a privilege, not a right.
* If this contract is broken, the student’s privileges will be revoked.

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**Parental Consent**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child may use email and the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer that my child not use email and Internet at school.

\_\_\_\_\_I authorize the use of pictures/images of my child to be included in positive publicity for

educational new s and information. This may include school system publications, videos,

websites and media releases.

I have thoroughly read the above contract. By signing below, I acknowledge that I fully agree with and understand the content of this document. If I breach any rules, I understand that my Internet and computer privileges may be revoked.

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