

Contract for the Acceptable Use of Computers and the Internet

The Watertown Public Schools use computers as a way of enhancing its educational mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors students need as successful and responsible adults. Computers provide unequalled opportunities to explore and use an enriching set of resources including computer programs, CDs and the Internet. In order to make these resources available to everyone, we expect that people who use the school's computers will do so in a responsible way consistent with our educational goals.

In order for an individual to use the Watertown Public Schools computers and Internet connection, they must read and agree to these guidelines. In addition students who use the computers and/or the Internet must sign the contract. For students under 18 years of age the contract must also be sign by the parent or guardian.

I, _____, agree to abide by the following rules:

I will not give out personal information such as my or any other person's address, telephone number, password, parents' work address/telephone number, credit card information, or the name and location of my school without permission of the staff member in charge.

I will take full responsibility for my actions and will use the Watertown Public Schools' computers and the Internet for educational purposes.

I will follow the copyright rules for the distribution and use of software and information on both the Watertown Public Schools' computer system and Internet.

I will follow all rules and regulations posted for the computers and will follow the directions of the staff member in charge.

I realize that the use of the Watertown Public Schools' computer system and Internet is a privilege not a right. I accept that inappropriate behavior may lead to loss of privileges.

I agree not to participate in the transfer of inappropriate or illegal materials through the Watertown Public Schools' computer system and/or Internet connection and I further agree to abide by the definition of inappropriate or illegal material established from time to time by the school administration.

I realize that when I use the Internet I am entering a global community and my actions reflect on the school system as a whole. I will behave in an ethical and legal manner.

I release the Watertown Public Schools from any liability or damages that may result from my use of the computer system and/or Internet connection.

We have read and discussed this contract and agree to abide by its content.

Signed (student) _____ Date of Birth _____

Signed (parent/guardian) _____ Date _____