



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

106 Washington Ave, Plainview, New York 11803

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District Computer Network/Internet Safety and Use Policy/Guidelines Summary and Consent Form

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is requesting consent for your child to use educational technology systems in the School District, including the use of the District Computer Network/Internet. **Consent is required before your child will be permitted to use educational technology systems in the School District. Please read this document in its entirety before signing the consent form.**

The development and maintenance of excellent educational and instructional programs are of primary importance to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District. It is the belief of the District that technology and Internet access provide unique and meaningful opportunities to support teaching and learning.

With access to computers, people, and resources from all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. While we believe that the benefits for children who have access to the Internet far outweigh any potential risk, it should be understood that some sites might contain information that is inappropriate, pornographic, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some users. While the district will attempt to prevent student access to these types of materials, the district cannot assure that a user of the Internet will not be able to discover this material.

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District believes strongly in promoting the ethical use of technology. We have therefore set forth the following guidelines for all users to follow:

1. I will limit my use of educational technology systems, including the District Computer Network/Internet, in school to the educational objectives established by my teacher(s);
2. I will not retrieve or send illegal, obscene, offensive, pornographic or other sexually explicit material including other resources not deemed within the school's established curriculum;
3. I will not use abusive language or vulgarities of any type, including cyber-bullying, swearing and name-calling;
4. I will not divulge my own or anyone's address, phone number or any other personal information, including pictures/photographs, to any person for any purpose, and will report any requests of this kind to my parents/guardians, classroom teacher, librarian or principal;
5. I will not plagiarize information received in any form and will properly cite all materials;
6. I will not use another person's account or password to access the Internet;
7. I will not share my password or account information with anyone;
8. I will not download any material from the Internet without the consent of my teacher(s) or school personnel;
9. I will not attempt to bypass security built into the system;
10. I will not vandalize network materials, services, traffic, equipment, and software, or attempt to download a virus from the Internet;
11. I will not use Internet access for illegal purposes of any kind;
12. I will not use Internet access to transmit threatening, obscene, sexist, racist, abusive, or harassing materials;
13. I will not use school computers to chat online, send e-mail or text messages, personal messages and/or instant messages unless I have received permission from a teacher and the use is part of a teacher's supervised activity;
14. I will abide by the licensing agreements for any school subscriptions and online databases, which require a user name and password;
15. I will not download, upload, or duplicate any copyrighted materials or material protected by applicable copyright law, or other intellectual property rights laws;
16. I will not use the system for commercial solicitation;

17. I will not purchase items via the Internet or subscribe to commercial services, and shall be responsible for any and all charges due for such purchases;
18. I will report any know security risks to a teacher;
19. I will report any threatening or obscene materials, expressions of racism or hate, or other materials which are intended to embarrass, harass or disrupt the education environment of the school to a teacher;
20. I will not disrupt the use of the network by other users;
21. I will not send anonymous messages to anyone through the Internet;
22. I will not access, transmit, or retransmit material which permits or advocates violence of any kind or advocates destruction of property;
23. I will not use encryption software from any access point within the School District;
24. I will not access the Internet using a non School District Network/Internet account;
25. I will use the District Computer Network/Internet only during permitted times during and/or before and/or after the school day;
26. I will not use the computer network system to hinder the ability of others to work, to harass, intimidate, cyber-bully, or annoy any other person;
27. I will not try to install personal and/or non-district standard software, executable files or use personal disks on District computers;
28. I will not use the system to gain or seek to gain unauthorized access to any files, resources, or computer or telephone system, or vandalize the data of another;
29. I will not wastefully use District resources; including network bandwidth, paper, ink, etc.;
30. I will not use the computer network or Internet while my privilege to do so is suspended or revoked;
31. I will not use the network to receive, transmit or make available to others a message that is inconsistent with the District's Code of Conduct;
32. I will not use the network in a fashion inconsistent with directions from teachers and other staff and generally accepted network etiquette;

The use of the District Computer Network/Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of the privilege. Users have no reasonable expectation of privacy on the District Computer Network/Internet. The District reserves the right to access and view any material stored on District equipment, or any material used in conjunction with the District's computer network.

The School District reserves the right to monitor all District Computer Network/Internet activity by students. Any violation of the foregoing guidelines will be treated as a violation of the Student Discipline Code, and shall be handled according to such discipline code. Any violation may also result in the loss of District Computer Network/Internet privileges. The school District shall notify the appropriate legal authorities if there is suspicion of illegal activities. The Superintendent of Schools and/or designee shall determine whether student conduct constitutes a violation of the guidelines and his/her decision shall be final.

Users of the District's computer network should not expect, nor does the District guarantee, privacy for any use of the District's computer network. The District reserves the right to access and view any material stored on District equipment or any material used in conjunction with the District's computer network. The District may monitor all use of the District's computer network and the Internet.

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the computer network and Internet service it is providing. The District shall not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or a user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.



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Student and Parent

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Student Statement: (Print Name)

I, _____, have read the *Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District's Computer Network/Internet Safety and Use Policy/Guidelines* which are available on the District website <http://c2.pobschools.schoolwires.net/site/default.aspx?PageID=319> or through my building principal and *Consent Form* and understand that any failure on my part to follow these guidelines will result in appropriate consequences and possible loss of access privileges to the District's Computer Network and Internet.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Statement: (Print Name)

I, _____, have read the *Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District's Computer Network/Internet Safety and Use Policy/Guidelines* (Board of Education Policy No.6460/7314, No.6460A, 7314/6460R) which are available on the District website <http://c2.pobschools.schoolwires.net/site/default.aspx?PageID=319> or through my child's building principal and this *Consent Form*, in consideration of the privilege of my child's use of the District's technology systems and having access to the District Computer Network and Internet, I hereby release the District, its officers, employees, operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my, or my child's use, or inability to use the system. I recognize this access is designed for educational purposes and the District has taken precautions to eliminate access to inappropriate material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all inappropriate or controversial materials and I will not hold the District responsible for materials my child may acquire on the District Computer Network/Internet. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I also accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my child's actions with regard to the use of the District Computer Network/Internet. I release the District from any liability relating to consequences resulting from his/her use of the District Computer Network/Internet. I give permission to issue an account for my child, who I understand has read and/or reviewed with me the foregoing and understands his/her responsibilities regarding acceptable District Computer Network/Internet use.

Signed _____ Date _____

School _____

-----PLEASE RETURN SIGNED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL'S BUILDING PRINCIPAL-----