COMPUTER SYSTEM AND NETWORK USE POLICY

Vanden High School has a behavior code for students that details appropriate school behavior, outlines rights, and sets expectations for students. Because Vanden High School's electronic resources are used as part of a school activity, the school's discipline policy applies to network activities as well. Therefore, the Computer System and Network Use Policy is an extension of the school's behavior code.

Vanden High School strongly believes in the value of electronic information services, and recognizes their potential to support curriculum and student learning. The network is designed to achieve and support instructional goals, and any information that does not support classroom learning is to be avoided. Vanden High School cannot guarantee the accuracy of information obtained from the electronic information sources. Vanden High School will strive to protect students and teachers from any misuses and abuses as a result of experiences with an electronic information service. However, there is some material on the global network that students, parents, and/or staff, may consider inappropriate. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material.

Listed below are the provisions. Please read them carefully.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Personal Responsibility.** I will accept responsibility for avoiding any misuse of the computers, related equipment, or the network system. Misuse may include theft, vandalism of equipment or data files, any information sent or received that indicates or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal activity, racism, sexism, or inappropriate language. I will also accept responsibility for reporting any such observed misuse to the adult in charge.

2. **Netiquette.** I will abide by the generally accepted rules of the network etiquette. These rules include but are not limited to the following:
    a. Do not send abusive message
    b. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate or disrespectful language
    c. Do not reveal any personal information, such as your home address or personal phone numbers or those of students or colleagues
    d. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others
    e. Do not tie up the network with idle activities, play interactive games, or download huge files

3. **Security.** I will protect system security by observing the following rules:
    a. Do not give passwords to others who are not authorized to use them
    b. Do not use another individual's password or address
    c. Do not change any established password or means of access to the system
    d. Report any observed breech of security immediately to the adult in charge

4. **Ethical Use.** I recognize the electronic information services should be used in an ethical manner. Therefore:
    a. I will not use the network for any illegal activity
    b. I will not use the network for personal profit
    c. I will not use the network for communication not related to school activities
    d. I will not use the network for posting anonymous messages
    e. I will obey copyright laws

CONSEQUENCES

Level 1 Infraction   **Consequence**
- ✓ Gaming   Computer use privileges revoked for
- ✓ Software Piracy   five to fifteen school days
- ✓ Modification of computer settings   2 Administrative detentions
  without teacher consent (includes
  changing wallpaper, screen saver,
  rotating screen image)
- ✓ **Personal** communication including but
  not limited to:
    - Unauthorized use of email
    - Posting to personal weblogs,
      webspace or other communication
      forums

Level 2 Infraction
- ✓ Chat room use   Computer use privileges revoked for
- ✓ Hacking - single computer systems   at least thirty days
  (includes bypassing filter to access   Saturday School
  blocked websites)
- ✓ Use of profanity, vulgarity or   *May also result in two days suspension
  disrespectful language (includes
  messages to request the opening
  of blocked Internet sites)*
- ✓ Two or more Level 1 violations

Level 3 Infraction
- ✓ Pornography   Computer privileges revoked for the
- ✓ Threats, Harassment   rest of one semester or nine weeks
- ✓ Hacking (Internet/Network)   (whichever is greater) and two or
- ✓ Unauthorized Access or   more days school suspension
  modifying/ deleting network resources
  or files

Student Name _____ Student ID#_____
(please print)

I have read and understand the rules that must be followed to use the computers on campus.

Student Email address

Student Signature _____   Date_____

I have read the computer use policy and have discussed it with my son/daughter.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____