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The School District of Joplin R-VIII

**APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNT
AND
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF INTERNET**

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. You will be expected to abide by the policies described herein.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the Joplin School District. The access is being offered as part of a collaborative project involving The School District of Joplin, MOREnet, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the Joplin Public Schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) electronic mail communication with people all over the world;
- 2) information documents and search tools from a multitude of areas via the World Wide Web;
- 3) public domain and shareware of all types;
- 4) discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics;
- 5) access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, CARL and ERIC.

With access to computers and people 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. Joplin Public Schools has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials through filtering software and hardware. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The School District of Joplin firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this district.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines that deal with **respect for school property and resources; vandalism and destructive behavior; access rights, network privileges and system safety; academic integrity, plagiarism and copyright issues; privacy and personal safety; illegal activity; content, language and material appropriate for school; proper use of computer time.** These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire.

In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Joplin School District user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet - Terms and Conditions

1) Acceptable Use - The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account **must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Joplin School District.** Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. The MOREnet Acceptable User Policy (attached) is considered a part of the School District Acceptable Use Policy.

2) Privileges - The use of Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who receives an account will be part of a project with a Joplin Schools' staff member and must use that account only as directed by that staff person). The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Joplin School District may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3) Netiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e) Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

4) Disclaimer: The School District of Joplin makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This include loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by it's own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via this service is at your own risk. The School District of Joplin specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

5) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to login to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

6) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

7) Updating Your User Information - The system administrators may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify the system administrators of any changes in your account information (address, etc). Currently, there are no user fees for this service.

MOREnet ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The primary mission of MOREnet is to provide collaborative networked information services to its members/customers in support of education, research, public service and government.

Acceptable Use

All network use by MOREnet members and those connected via a MOREnet site shall be for, or in support of, research, education, local, state, or national government affairs, economic development, or public service.

Any MOREnet traffic that crosses onto other networks must conform to the acceptable use policy of those networks.

Unacceptable Use

It is not acceptable to use MOREnet for purposes, which violate any federal law or state law.

It is not acceptable to use MOREnet in a manner that disrupts normal network use and service. Such disruption would include the propagation of computer viruses, the violation of personal privacy, and the unauthorized access to protected and private network resources.

It is not acceptable to use MOREnet for commercial solicitation of business.

Enforcement of Policy

It is the responsibility of the MOREnet Member Representative to make reasonable efforts to publicize the policies of MOREnet and to ensure organization compliance.

Ultimate responsibility for proper use and misuse of the network lies with each individual user of the network.

Reported and perceived violation of the Acceptable Use Policy may be reviewed by the MOREnet Executive Committee. Violations that are not promptly remedied by the member instruction may result in disciplinary action including the termination of MOREnet service and forfeiture of MOREnet membership.

**The School District of Joplin Internet Access
APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNT**

I understand and will abide by the above Terms and Conditions for Internet. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

User Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (If you are under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.)

As the parent or guardian of this student I have read the Terms and Conditions for Use of Internet . I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and The School District of Joplin has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for The School District of Joplin to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.
Parent or Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

SPONSORING TEACHER (Must be signed if the applicant is a student). I have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher's Name (please print): _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

APPLICATION PORTION OF DOCUMENT

User's Full Name (please print): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

I am a.....

_____ student and will graduate in _____.

_____ teacher, teaching _____ in grade _____ .

_____ staff working as a _____

_____ other _____

Thank you for your interest and support of this exciting resource in the Joplin Public Schools.