

## **New City School**

## **Internet: Acceptable Use Policy**

Internet access is available to New City School staff and students. Internet offers valuable, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Access to the internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and research projects while exchanging messages with users throughout the globe.

With this access also comes the availability of material that may not be considered of educational value. Families should be warned that some material obtained via the Net may contain items that are illegal, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial information, through our *Acceptable Use Policy*. The benefits to students from online access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is inconsistent with our educational goals.

The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities students are about to assume. If a user violates any of these provisions, future access will be denied.

To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must obtain their Internet License. Students should display their license when using the internet. The signature(s) in this document are legally binding and indicate(s) that the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

### **Internet Policy**

Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege, not a right. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of Internet privileges. The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and his/her decision is final. The administration, faculty and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke or suspend specific user privileges.

Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical and polite manner while online.

Users are not permitted to use the computing resources for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying or political campaigning.

Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit or publish any inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material.

Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks will result in cancellation of privileges.

Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.

All communication and information accessible via the computer resources shall be regarded as private property: however, staff who operate the system may review files and messages to maintain system integrity. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Misuse of the above said policy will result in cancellation of privileges.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Class Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Updated 08/10/13 Mr. JitendrapalSKundan