

**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL
COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT
2011-2012**

REQUIRED FOR ALL FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Computer resources and Internet access will be available to students and teachers at Xavier High School. We are very pleased to have these resources, as we believe they offer valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing these services is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an "electronic highway" connecting millions of computers and individual users all over the world. Along with this access comes the availability of material that may be of questionable educational value. Families should be warned that some material on the Net may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately. We firmly believe, however, that the benefits to students from on-line access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that use of computer resources is consistent with our stated mission, goals, and objectives. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students and faculty and their adherence to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that users are aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could be denied in accord with the rules and regulations listed below.

To gain access to Xavier's computer resources and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate that the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Computer - Terms and Conditions

- 1) Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computers.
- 2) 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 suspension or cancellation of computer privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
- 3) Users are not permitted to use the computing resources for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying, or political campaigning.
- 4) Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, threatening, or illegal material.

- 5) Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Altering computer configurations or damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in cancellation of privileges.
- 6) Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.
- 7) Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files without written permission is prohibited. Attempts to logon to the network as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of user privileges.
- 8) Xavier High School will assume no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, line costs or usage fees, nor for any damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, or misdeliveries. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. We specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- 9) All communication and information accessible via the computer resources shall be regarded as private property. However, system administrators may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Any violations may result in a loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

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STUDENT SECTION

I have read the Computer Use Agreement. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

User Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

User Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this Computer Use Agreement and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the school's computers, network and the Internet. I understand that the school's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that it is impossible for Xavier High School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Parent Name (please print) _____ Phone _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return your signed form on registration day. Students who do not return this form will not be allowed to use Xavier's computer resources.