



**2018-2019 STEP ACADEMY  
STUDENT INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

Enrollment Document 8

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**In accepting this agreement, students acknowledge the following rules and conditions.**

As a STEP Academy student, I understand that my school network accounts are owned by the School and are not private. STEP Academy has the right to access my information at any time. Please read all information carefully. Place a check mark (✓) next to each statement and sign below.

**Government Laws**

- I will use computers and other electronic devices in conformity with laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Criminal Acts-These included, but are not limited to “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, sending harassing/bullying email or text messages, cyber-stalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems.
  - Libel Laws-Publicly defaming people through the published material on the internet, email, social sites, etc.,
  - Copyright Violations-Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted materials without the express written permission of the author or publisher or engaging in plagiarism.

**Netiquette and Responsible Use**

- I understand that passwords are private. I will not allow others to use my account name and password, or try to use that of others.
- I will be polite and use appropriate language in my virtual learning environments, online postings, and other digital communications with others. I will refrain from using profanity, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language as determined by school administrators.
- I will use communications (e.g. blogs, wikis, podcasts, chat, instant-messaging, social sites, discussion boards, virtual learning environments, etc.) responsibly. I will not use computers, handheld computers, digital audio players, cell phones, personal digital devices, or the Internet to send or post hate or harassing mail, pornography, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others, or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors either at school or at home.
- I understand that I represent the school in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers or on the School. I understand that I will be held responsible for how I represent myself and my school on the internet.
- I understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, sending out email, creating accounts, or posting messages or other online content (e.g. text, images, audio or video) in someone else’s name as a joke.
- I will use technology resources responsibly. I will not retrieve, save, or display hate-based, offensive, or sexually explicit material using any School computer resources. I am responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive. I understand that I am to notify an adult immediately if by accident I encounter materials, which violate appropriate use.

- I will use technology resources productively and responsibly for school-related purposes. I will avoid using any technology resource in such a way that would disrupt the activities of other users.
- I will refrain from attempting to bypass, or circumvent, security settings or internet filters, or interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, or web-based services and software not approved by the School.
- I understand that vandalism is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to modifying or destroying equipment, programs, files, or settings on any computer or other technology resource.
- I will respect the intellectual property of other users and information providers. I will obey copyright laws and guidelines. I will not plagiarize or use other's work without proper citation and permission.
- I will refrain from the use of or access of files, software, or other resources owned by others without the owner's permission.
- I understand that I am prohibited from taking photos or videos of other students and/or staff without their consent. I also will not publish or post online, any photos or videos of students and/or staff without their consent.
- I understand that the Internet is a source of information that is both true and false; and that the school is not responsible for inaccurate information obtained from the Internet.
- I understand that School Administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.
- I agree to abide by all Internet safety guidelines that are provided by the school and to complete all assignments related to Internet safety.
- I will abide by these rules and conditions when using my personal equipment and/or network connection, with regards to any communication, information, or content, whether I am on school premises or not.

### **Consequences for Violation of this Agreement**

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement and School Policy. Should I commit a violation, I understand that consequences of my actions could include suspension of computer privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Parent or Guardian***

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement and School Policy. I understand that computer access is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of the School and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize that is impossible for the School to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the School responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

**Parent or Guardian's Name** (*Please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_