

# Sayre Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

## Letter of Understanding

### For Students

Dear Parents and Students:

The world in which we live is rapidly changing. Global communication networks have altered our lives by connecting us to vast and diverse resources that until recently were either too difficult or impossible to access. The Sayre Area School District believes that in order to prepare our students to participate and compete in the global environment we must provide instruction, guidance, and practice in accessing and using these computing resources. To that end, the Sayre Area School District will provide access to the District's computing for students who have their parent's or guardian's consent to use the technology.

The Internet is a global network of computer networks connected together so that they can share resources and information. On the Internet students may have access to worldwide electronic mail, if appropriate, information from research and science institutions, government agencies, public and academic library catalogs, and much more. Our students will use this access to assist them in developing critical thinking skills and in achieving our District's specific student learning outcomes as identified in the District's strategic plan.

While the Internet provides access to thousands of educationally oriented resources appropriate for student use, the Internet, because it is a global network, also may provide access to resources that are inappropriate for use in school. The District recognizes this risk and will, through a policy of education and content filtering software from our Internet service provider, take every reasonable action to protect students. However, the Sayre Area School District cannot guarantee that a student will never be able to access inappropriate or objectionable materials. Your signature on the attached policy signature page indicates your recognition of these risks and of the District's inability to guarantee complete protection from access to inappropriate resources.

Please carefully read the attached School District Policy on acceptable use of the Internet, District Networks, and District computers and discuss it with your son/daughter. It was developed by the school board to set forth requirements, guidelines, and prohibitions on use of the District's computer resources and the Internet when accessed through the school computing resources. If you agree with its terms, please sign it and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

When a signed permission form is on file for your son or daughter, he or she will be given access to District computing resources for educational purposes according to the requirements in the policy which includes completion of a course on Internet access and use. No access will be provided to anyone for whom we do not have a signed permission form. This policy may change as technology and network use changes. You will be asked to sign a new agreement when that occurs.

We look forward to providing access to District computing resources for our students and hope you will see this as an important step in their future.

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## Sign Off

### For Students

I the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT student's name), have received, read and understand the Sayre Area School District's Acceptable Use Policy (located at:

<http://www.sayresd.org/technology/Sayre%20Area%20School%20District%20AUP.pdf> ). I

understand that this access is being provided for educational purposes only. I understand that Sayre Area School District cannot restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials and I will not hold it responsible for materials acquired on the network. I also accept full responsibility for supervision of my child if the network is accessed from home. I hereby give permission for my child to access School District computing facilities.

I further understand that my child's access to district computing resources does not automatically include access to a personal account and e-mail services. Access to a personal account and e-mail services will be granted only if my child requires access for specific educational services.

Finally, I understand that violation of this policy may have consequences ranging from revocation of access privileges to suspension or expulsion and those violations may be reported to local, state, and/or federal legal authorities.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Building: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to your child's homeroom teacher.**

-----**Do Not Write Below This Line**-----

**Date course completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_