POLICY ON STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NETWORK

PURPOSE:

The Chicago Public Schools provide computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. The Chicago Public Schools may make Internet access or electronic mail ("e-mail") available to students on the CPS Network as educational resources. It is a general policy of the Chicago Public Schools to promote the use of computers in a manner which is responsible, legal and appropriate. Student use of the CPS Network is a privilege. A student's failure to adhere to the Student Acceptable Use Policy ("Policy") will result in the revocation of the student's access privileges. Should a student's access privileges be revoked, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity for access to the CPS Network.

POLICY TEXT:

I. USE OF THE CPS NETWORK'S SERVICES

Improper use of the CPS Network is prohibited. Uses of the CPS Network that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Use of the CPS Network for, or in support of, any illegal purposes;
- 2. Use of the CPS Network for, or in support of, any obscene or pornographic purposes; this includes, but is not limited to, the retrieving or viewing of any sexually explicit material;
- 3. Violation of any provision of Illinois School Student Records Act, which governs students' rights to privacy and the confidential maintenance of certain information including, but not limited to, a student's grades and test scores;
- 4. Use of profanity, obscenity or language that is generally considered offensive or threatening to persons of a particular race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or to persons with disabilities;
- 5. "Reposting" or forwarding personal communications without the author's prior consent;
- 6. Copying commercial software in violation of state, federal, or international copyright laws;
- 7. Using the CPS Network for financial gain or for the transaction of any business or commercial activities;
- 8. Plagiarizing (claiming another person's writings as your own) any information gained on or through the CPS Network or any other network access provider;
- 9. Using the CPS Network for political lobbying;
- 10. Intentionally disrupting the use of the CPS Network for other users, including, but not limited to, disruptive use of any process, program, or tool for ascertaining passwords or engaging in "hacking" of any kind, including, but not limited to, the illegal or unlawful entry into an electronic system to gain secret information;
- 11. Providing access to the CPS Network to unauthorized individuals; and
- 12. Use of the CPS Network to violate any provision of the Chicago Public Schools Uniform Discipline Code.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The privilege of using the CPS Network is free to students of the Chicago Public Schools.
- The student to whom an account on the CPS Network is issued is responsible, at all times, for its proper use.
- A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - MAY keep a free account on the CPS Network as long as he or she is a student in the Chicago Public Schools;
 - o MAY use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects;
 - MAY use the Internet to send e-mail to other users of the CPS Network and to people around the globe;
 - o MAY use the Internet to explore other computer systems.
- A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - SHOULD change his or her password frequently;
 - SHOULD NOT give his or her password to another person.
 - A Responsible Student User of the CPS Network:
 - UNDERSTANDS that NONE of his or her communications and information accessible through the CPS Network is considered private or confidential and the Chicago Public Schools reserves the right to access all user accounts, at any time, including student electronic mail;
 - o UNDERSTANDS the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy before logging on;
 - UNDERSTANDS that if the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy is violated, the student's account on the CPS Network will be revoked;
 - UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from CPS Network by a school faculty member that he or she has the right to appeal the removal within thirty (30) days, in writing, to the principal of the school. The school principal's decision shall be FINAL.

• UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from the CPS Network, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity to access the Network.

III. PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR STUDENT USE OF THE CPS NETWORK

Prior to the activation of a student's account on the CPS Network, the parent or guardian of the student must provide written authorization in the form outlined in the Parental Consent Form.

IV. STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND INTERNET TEST

All students to whom an account on the CPS Network has been assigned shall sign a Student Signature Form acknowledging the requirements of the Policy on student acceptable use and verifying his or her successful completion of the CPS Network Student Internet Test.

I have read and understand the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy and the CPS Network Student Internet Test. I understand that the Internet is a world-wide group of millions of computer networks. I know that the Chicago Public Schools does not control the content of these Internet networks. When using the Internet, I realize that my child may read material that I might consider inappropriate or offensive. The Chicago Public Schools has my permission to give an Internet account to my child. I understand that my child, while a Chicago Public Schools student, may keep this address as long as the procedures described in the CPS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy are followed.

PRINTED Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Date

Date

(Note: If a student is too young to read the Policy on Student Acceptable Use of the CPS Network, please provide assistance.)

I have read and understand the Policy on Student Acceptable Use of the CPS Network. I have completed the CPS Network Student Internet Test. If I follow the Student Acceptable Use Policy, I may keep my account on the CPS Network. If I do not follow the Policy on Student Acceptable Use of the CPS Network, I understand that my account on the CPS Network will be taken away from me. I understand that if my account is taken away from me, there will be NO second chance.

PRINTED Name of Student's Name

I hereby grant Alcott School, and those acting pursuant to its authority the absolute right and permission to:

• Record the participation and appearance of the student/minor and/or myself on videotape, film, photography, **INTERNET WEB SITE**, or any electronic medium.

Student Signature

• Exhibit or distribute such recording in whole or in part without restrictions or limitations for any educational or promotional purpose which Alcott School, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate.

I further grant to Alcott School the right to copyright such pictures and images in its own name or to publish, to market and to assign without further consideration, compensation or report to me.

I hereby waive any rights or interests that I might have in the pictures and images, including any rights to inspect and/or approve the finished photographs and images or the use of which it may be applied so long as its use shall be lawful.

I expressly release, discharge and agree to hold harmless Alcott School, its staff, representatives, agents, employees and assigns from and against all claims, demands and causes of action which I might have arising from any actual or alleged violations or infringements of any trademark, trade name, contract, agreement, copyright (common law or statutory), patent, invasion of privacy, defamation, or any other cause of action arising out of the production, distribution and exhibition of the photographs and images.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the parent and/or guardian of a minor under the age of 18 years, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby consent that any photographs, video tape, film, **INTERNET WEB SITE**, or electronic medium which have been or is about to be taken by the photographer may be used by same for the purposes as set forth above, with the same force in effect as if executed by me.