

## AVOCA CENTRAL SCHOOL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Avoca Central School District recognizes that computers and all other school issued technology devices are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. Computer information networks allow individuals to interact with many other computers and networks. Allowing access to the District's technology and computer network is a privilege, and not a right. It is a general policy that all technology equipment is to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

The Avoca Central School District declares unethical and unacceptable behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, revoking information network access privileges, and/or initiating legal action for any activity through which an individual:

- *Uses the information networks for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene behavior, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities shall be defined as those that violate local, state and/or federal laws. Inappropriate use shall be defined as a violation of the intended use of the networks, and/or purpose and goal. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of a publicly owned and operated communication vehicle, including pornographic images or videos, and the pursuit of such ;*
- *Uses the information networks for any illegal activity, including violation of copyrights or other contracts violating such matters as institutional or third party copyright, license agreements and other contracts;*
- *Intentionally disrupts information network traffic or crashes the network and connected systems;*
- *Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;*
- *Uses Avoca Central School District computing resources for commercial or financial gain or fraud;*
- *Steals data, equipment, or intellectual property;*
- *Gains unauthorized access to files of others, or vandalizes the data or files of another user;*
- *Gains or seeks to gain unauthorized access to resources or entities;*
- *Forges electronic mail messages, or uses an account owned by another user;*
- *Invades the privacy of individuals;*
- *Post anonymous messages; or*
- *Possess any data, which might be considered a violation of these rules in paper, magnetic (disk), or any other form.*
- *Uses electronic devices to video or record in anyway faculty, staff or students without their permission.*
- *Post unauthorized school related video or data to any internet sites.*
- *Conducts cyber bullying, harassment, discrimination toward another student or adult.*

A. **Consequences of Violations** - Consequences of violations include but are not limited to:

- ◆ **Suspension or revocation of computer access**
- ◆ **Suspension or revocation of information network access**
- ◆ **School suspension or expulsion; and**
- ◆ **Legal action and prosecution by the authorities**

B. **Remedies and Recourses** - Anyone accused of any of the violations has all the rights that would normally apply if such person were accused of school vandalism or any other illegal activity.

The School District has the right to restrict or terminate information network access at any time for any reason. The School District further has the right to monitor network activity in any form as it sees fit to maintain the integrity of the information network.

**USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM**

As a user of the Avoca Central School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with all rules as stated in the District's Acceptable Use Policy and honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the minor student above, I grant permission for my son/daughter to access computer services such as e-mail, the internet, networked storage/applications, and cloud-based storage/applications. I understand that students may be held liable for violations.

NAME OF STUDENT (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**This agreement will remain in effect unless modified by the district or revoked by the parent/guardian. Such revocation must be made in writing to the District Technology Coordinator.**