

Computer Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Petersham Center School

Computers are used to support learning and to enhance instruction at school; Computer networks allow students to interact with many computers, and the Internet allows students to interact with millions of networks and computers. With access to other networks and computers around the world, it is possible to gain access to information, which may not be appropriate. Students (and parents of students) must understand that neither Petersham Center School (PCS) nor any staff member controls the content of the information available on these other systems. PCS has put into place a number of technologies, which help protect our users from inappropriate material and sites. These technologies, unfortunately, are not fail safe. It is a general policy that all computers used through PCS are to be used in a responsible, appropriate, efficient, ethical and legal manner. I understand that any violation of The Acceptable Use Policy may result in a loss of access to the network and/or computer lab. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the administration.

Rules for Accessing PCS Network

A student must:

Abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette: Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages to others.

Use appropriate language.

Do not reveal your personal home address or phone numbers or that of any other user.

Notify the teacher or, Staff of any problems related to the network.

A student may use the network, as the teacher directs, to:

Research assigned classroom projects.

Practice classroom skills

Create a class web page

Any other activity directed by teacher

A student may not:

Use the Internet for any illegal purpose.

Use the network for personal and/or private economic gain.

Change computer files that do not belong to the user.

Purposely access inappropriate material nor demonstrate/share the ability to access inappropriate material to other users.

Reveal your name, address, phone numbers or personal information, or that of any other user.

STUDENT:

I understand and will follow the above rules and conditions of The Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that any violation of The Acceptable Use Policy may result in a loss of access to the network, my privileges may be revoked and disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT OR

GUARDIAN:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and discussed it with my child. I understand Petersham Center School (PCS) computer network is intended for educational purposes only. I also recognize that it is impossible for PCS to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for unauthorized materials acquired by users on the network.

DATE: _____

PARENT OR

GUARDIAN: _____

SIGNATURE: _____