Western School District Technology Honor Code

Students are expected to apply the Western School District Technology Honor Code to all activities, including those involving the use of school computers, computer peripherals, and network, whether accessing them while on campus or off campus. Our hope is that technology will be one tool that can be used to "*Encouraging all students to dream, while preparing them to succeed as global citizens.*" This Honor Code lays the foundation for the positive, honorable, use of technology.

Examples of the types of technology-related activities that affirm our Honor Code are listed below. Any questions about the application of the Honor Code to technology should be directed to your teacher, principal, building technology support person, or Director of Technology.

Using technology honorably includes:

- Using computers, software, and other information resources to support learning, complete school assignments, and gain a better understanding of information technologies and their applications.

- Using the Internet to perform research related to academic and extracurricular school functions, and to communicate with scholars, students, and specialists outside of campus to improve knowledge and advance academic work.

- Providing appropriate attribution for any materials gathered using information technology, using all resources to the maximum degree allowed by Federal copyright laws.

- Using technology to collaborate with students and faculty in academic and extracurricular school functions.

- Seeking permission to record or photograph classroom presentations and activities.

- Respecting and encouraging each other online through words and media.

- Using appropriate and respectful language in online communications.

- Representing your own views, and not those of others, in any form of electronic communication.

- Owning your mistakes.

- Respecting the privacy of other computer accounts.

- Respecting your personal contact information and that of others.

- Respecting the registration policies of age-restricted online services (e.g., Facebook, MySpace).

- Speaking with an adult you trust should you receive a message that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

- Using appropriate file storage to store school-related and limited personal files.

- Protecting equipment (school-owned and loaned) from damage or theft.

- Respecting that network bandwidth, server disk space, and printer paper and toner are shared and limited resources.

- Supporting and respecting the school's computer security systems.

Violations of the above standards may result in the following consequences, depending upon the violation:

- Discussion about incident with student(s) involved.

- Being required to leave your laptop at school for a period of time (ex: weekends, every night).

- Meeting with building administrator (might involve parent, counselor, and/or principal).

- Paying for excessive printing.

- Paying for damage to laptop.

- Changing filtering options to be more restrictive.

I understand and agree to the provisions and conditions of this Honor Code. Both student and parent must sign and return this form to their school office.

Student Name: _____Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____Date: _____