

## Roland Park Country School Student Responsible and Acceptable Network and Internet Use Policy

The RPCS network exists to support the educational mission and program of the School. Use of the RPCS information technology network is for educational purposes *only*. Network usage is a privilege, not a right. Users are expected to exercise responsible behavior and will be held accountable for maintaining the integrity of all aspects of the network.

- Each user is personally responsible for all uses and contents of her account. Giving out personal passwords, access codes, login procedures, or misrepresenting one's identity in electronic communication are not permitted.
- Unauthorized copying, removing, or distributing software violates copyright laws and software license agreements and are prohibited. Modifying, manipulating, or otherwise tampering with applications, files, and data on the network, or any attempt thereof, are not permitted.
- Since the Internet and other accessible networks are open systems, the School cannot guarantee privacy or security. Users should not put anything on the network that they would not want others to see or read.
- No one may use the School's network for obscene, annoying, threatening or abusive purposes. Users should not access or transmit materials which promote pornography, profanity, gender, racial, religious, and other biases, intimidation, or other information counter to the RPCS philosophy.
- The School reserves the right to monitor and intercept electronic or telephonic communications in the ordinary course of business, and may monitor or download computers or software, in accordance with applicable law.
- RPCS students may not "friend" current RPCS employees on social networking sites or create RPCS groups without explicit permissions from either the Head of School or Academic Division Head.

The school's code of ethics, honor policy and community standards extend to the electronic world. Students are also expected to exercise responsible behavior online. When a student presents herself publicly (such as on a social networking website), she must know that any inappropriate behavior, references or photographs (including but not limited to alcohol or drug use and sexual behavior) and/or inappropriate use of language (including but not limited to foul, profane, and/or derogatory) is in violation of School rules. In addition, students may not publicly post anything identified as RPCS – including but not limited to the School name, logo, building, classrooms, fields, teachers and, most importantly, herself or other students in uniform without the explicit permission from either the Head of School, the Director of Communication or the Academic Division Head.

### ***For Parent or Guardian to complete:***

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read and discussed the Responsible and Acceptable Network and Internet Use policy with my daughter,

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's legal name). I understand that violations of the policy may result in revocation of network privileges and disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Acknowledging that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, I accept the policy in both letter and spirit and grant permission for my daughter to have independent, unmonitored access to networked RPCS computer services. I exonerate and hold RPCS employees harmless from any liability should my daughter encounter any material that she or I may find objectionable.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***For Student to complete:***

I \_\_\_\_\_ (student' legal name), have read the Responsible and Acceptable Network and Internet Use Policy and by signing below agree to abide by it and accept the consequence that will result should I violate these rules.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ **Advisor (RPCS students only)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

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