

## GILROY UNIFEID SCHOOL DISTRICT

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS USE CONTRACT

We are please to announce that the Internet electronic information services are now available to students and staff in our district. The Gilroy Unified School District strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes their potential to support our curriculum and student learning. The Gilroy Unified School District makes every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuse or abuse with an information service. Inappropriate and/or illegal interaction with the information service is strictly prohibited.

Please read this document carefully. When signed by the student and parent/guardian, this contract becomes binding. Appropriate initials and signatures are required before information services can be provided. All school rules apply to the use of information services. Students who use these services inappropriately will be disciplined in accordance with the district's policy.

Listed below are the provisions of this contract. If any user violates these provisions, access to the information service may be denied and disciplinary action may result.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT

1. **Personal Responsibility.** As a representative of Brownell Academy, I accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the site system administrator. Misuse may come in any form, but it is commonly viewed as any message(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism or inappropriate language.
2. **Acceptable Use.** The use of my assigned account must be in support of the educational goals and objectives of the Gilroy Unified School District. I am personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.
  - a. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
  - b. Transmission of material in violation of United States or state agencies is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
  - c. Use of commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable.
  - d. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
3. **Privileges.** The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Students will receive instruction on proper behavior and use of the network.
4. **Network Etiquette and Privacy.** You are expected to abide by accepted by accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules are:
  - a. Be Polite. Never send, or encourage others to send abusive messages.
  - b. Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of Brownell Academy and GUSD on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally. Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
  - c. Privacy. Never reveal any personal information. (home address, telephone numbers, personal photos)
  - d. Electronic mail. Electronic mail (E-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to the authorities.
  - e. Disruptions. Do not disrupt the use of the network.
  - f. Other Considerations
    - \*Be Brief. Few people will bother to read a long message.
    - \*Correct spelling errors so your message is easy to understand.
    - \*Use accurate and descriptive titles for your articles.
    - \*Remember that humor and satire are often misinterpreted.
    - \*List references for any facts you present.
    - \*Forgive spelling and grammar errors of others.
    - \*Keep signatures brief.
    - \*Remember that all network users are human beings. Don't "attack" correspondents.
    - \*Post only to teacher-approved groups.
5. **Services.** The Gilroy Unified School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for information services. Gilroy Unified School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. Damages may include loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. Gilroy Unified School District does not guarantee accuracy of information obtained through its information system.
6. **Security.** Due to multiple users, computer security is a high priority. If a security problem is identified, notify the site system administrator at once. Do not discuss the problem with other user. Never use another individual's account. Any user identified as a security risk may have online privileges revoked. It is prohibited to alter the configuration of any hardware, software or files.
7. **Vandalism.** Vandalism is any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of other users, agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This may include uploading or creating computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and legal referral. The student and his/her parents will bear full financial responsibility for repairs, software and hardware, including data restoration costs for any vandalism caused by the student.
8. **Updating.** The information service may occasionally require new registration & account information from you to continue the service.

## REQUIRED SIGNATURES

### STUDENT

I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. Violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the termination of my user account, and/or legal action. I agree to report any misuse of the information system to the site administrator. Misuse comes in many forms; including messages sent or received indicating or suggesting pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

**Brownell Academy** **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARENT OR GUARDIAN

In consideration of the Gilroy Unified School District permitting my son/daughter to access the schools district's network, and through it, the Internet, I agree to the following:

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Gilroy Unified School District and its officers, employees and representatives, from and against any and all claims for damage or injury caused or related to my son/daughter's willful and /or intentional violations of the provisions of this agreement.

I hereby agree to RELEASE the Gilroy Unified School District and its officers, employees and representatives, from any claims regarding injury to my son/daughter, including claims for NEGLIGENCE, howsoever caused, arising in connection with my son/daughter's use of the district's Network, and through it, the Internet.

I have read this contract and understand that information services provided by the district are intended for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the Gilroy Unified School District to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold the District responsible for material acquired through information services. I agree to report any misuse of the information system to the site system administrator. Misuse comes in many forms, including messages sent or received indicating or suggesting pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

I accept full responsibility for supervision of my son/daughter's use of information services outside of school. I give my permission for my son/daughter to use information services at school.

**Brownell Academy** **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPONSORING TEACHER

I agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of information services and proper network etiquette. I agree to report any misuse of the information system administrator. Misuse comes in many forms, including messages sent or received indicating or suggesting pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above.

**Brownell Academy** **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_