

## **Seekonk Public Schools Contract for Student Access to Technology Resources** **Middle School Students and High School Students**

The purpose of the Seekonk Public Schools Computer Responsible Use and Internet Safety Policy (RUISP) is to promote the use of Seekonk Public Schools technology for educational purposes, to prevent inappropriate use of technology and breaches of computer security, and to promote safe use of the Internet. The RUISP and this contract set forth what is, and is not, appropriate use of school district technology. However, they do not purport to address every acceptable or non-acceptable technology use issue. A full copy of the RUISP and supporting documents are available at each school building and on the schools' website at <<http://www.seekonkschools.org>>. We require that students and parents or guardians of minor students read, accept, and sign this contract at the beginning of each school year. This contract provides a partial summary of rules for acceptable behavior per the RUISP as follows:

1. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The access and use of your account must be consistent with the educational objectives of the Seekonk Public Schools.
2. All information on the school networks is to be considered district property. Network administrators and designated staff of the Seekonk Public Schools may review and monitor files, communications, and other logs to maintain system integrity and to ensure that the system is being used responsibly. In addition, access to certain Internet sites may be blocked.
3. The following types of activities are unacceptable:
  - Activities that create security and/or safety issues for the district/schools, students, employees, or technology resources
  - Activities that expend technology resources that the district, in its sole discretion, determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose
  - Any other activities as determined by the district to be inappropriate.
4. Violations of this contract and the RUISP will be investigated and appropriate disciplinary or legal action taken. Violations may result in suspension of network accounts and/or permanent or temporary loss of access to the network. Users will be disciplined for noncompliance in accordance with school district disciplinary policies. In addition, violations that may constitute a criminal offense may be reported to law enforcement authorities.
5. The school district makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its technology provided under the RUISP. The Seekonk Public Schools shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages, injuries or costs or fees (including attorney's fees) of any kind suffered or incurred, directly or indirectly, by my actions arising from use of the Seekonk Public Schools' technology.

Use of the network will not be allowed until this policy is signed by both student and parent/guardian (for minor students) and returned to student's school. Signed contracts shall be maintained by each school's main office.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Seekonk Public Schools RUISP. It is my responsibility to bring any questions I have about the RUISP to the building or District Administration. I further understand that, should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action or appropriate legal action may be taken including reimbursement for damages.

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

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the RUISP. I have discussed the rules with my child. I understand the Seekonk Public Schools RUISP including this contract is available in each school or on the Seekonk Public Schools website at <<http://www.seekonk.schools.org>>. I grant permission for the above student to access networked electronic resources, to receive a Google for Education account including Gmail, to participate in school sponsored web 2.0 tools including online accounts for such and to access the Internet from school. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that although precautions have been taken to eliminate controversial material, it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial material and I will not hold the Seekonk Public Schools responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept the responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on Internet use both inside and outside of the school setting, and for conveying standards for the above student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I understand that the school district makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its technology provided under the RUISP.

I take full responsibility and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Seekonk Public Schools, its Internet Service Provider (ISP), and all of the Seekonk Public Schools' and ISP's officers, agents, servants, representatives, administrators, teachers, volunteers and staff from any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries or costs or fees (including attorney's fees) of any kind resulting from my child's access to the Seekonk Public Schools' technology, including, but not limited to, any fees or charges incurred through purchases of goods or services by my child.

I hereby agree to cooperate with the Seekonk Public Schools in the event of Seekonk Public Schools' initiating or involvement in an investigation of any user's access of the Seekonk Public Schools' technology, whether that use is on a Seekonk Public Schools' computer or on another computer outside of the Seekonk Public Schools' network.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

