The Providence School Department provides access to our computer network to students and staff so as to promote and enhance the learning of our students through communication, innovation and sharing of resources.

The Providence School Board supports access by staff and students to rich educational resources available on the Internet. The use of the internet must be for educational and research activities and be consistent with the educational objectives of the Providence School Department.

Staff and students will be instructed on the appropriate use of the internet. Parents will be required to sign a permissions form to allow their students to access the internet. Staff and students will sign a form acknowledging they have read and understand the Internet Acceptable Use Policy which includes submittal of PPSD online

The Providence School Department complies with CIPA, the Children Information Protection Act. CIPA requires that schools and libraries receive specific federal funds must certify to the funding agency that they have in place an Internet Safety Policy. This policy requires blocking access to obscenity, child pornography, or, as to students, material harmful to minors. *In accordance with all elements and regulations of CIPA. This policy also prohibits hacking, disclosure of personal information concerning children, and unlawful activities involving children online. It also provides for the safety and security of minors while using electronic mail and other forms of electronic communication. It also mandates that schools must educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and also include cyber bullying awareness and response.

E-mail is a communication tool and should not be used as a file store.

E-mail communications sent or received on PPSD school system computers may be subject to public disclosure and may be subject to use in legal proceedings.

Users agree not to allow others to use their PPSD account.

Users are required to maintain individual mailboxes and are expected to purge messages no longer needed on a regular basis this includes PPSD Spam Filter.

E-mail users are prohibited from initiating or propagating electronic chain letters.

Inappropriate mass-mailings are prohibited. This includes multiple mailings to distribution groups or individuals within PPSD e-mail address book.   This also includes mass-solicitation for personal activities or personal gain.

E-mail Archive is maintained to meet Federal Guidelines on all incoming and outgoing e-mail on each user's account.

* E-rate schools, minors 47 USC § 254(h)(5)(B)(i), E-rate schools, adults 47
USC § 254(h)(5)(C)(i); libraries, minors 47 USC § 254(h)(6)(B)(i); libraries, adults 47 USC § 254(h)(6)(C)(i);
Schools under Education Act Sec.
3601(a)(1)(A)(i), Libraries under Museum and Libraries Act 20 U.S.C.
9134(f)(1)(A)(i).

General school rules and policies apply to all school computer use, internet activity and communication.

If a user is found to be in violation of any of the statement detailed in the above mentioned policy, all network and internet rights and privileges will be suspended until an investigation is conducted.

Upon completion of the investigation a decision will be given by the Building Administrator(s) to revoke or reinstate the computer user's privileges. Such violations may also result in further disciplinary measures or legal actions.

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E-rate schools, adults 47 USC § 254(h)(5)(C)(i)
Libraries, minors 47 USC § 254(h)(6)(B)(i)
Libraries, adults 47 USC § 254(h)(6)(C)(i)
Schools under Education Act Sec. 3601(a)(1)(A)(i)
Libraries under Museum and Libraries Act 20 U.S.C. 9134(f)(1)(A)(i)
Policy Adopted: August 26, 2002, Resolution 8-31-02

Full text of the Children's Internet Protection Act is located at
http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/chipact.doc
FCC regulations implementing CIPA; FCC 01-120
http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/2001/fcc01120.doc
SLD's FAk

I have read the Providence School Department's "Internet Acceptable User Policy" and I understand and agree to abide by the terms of this request for network access, and the Providence School Department's rules for acceptable use of network resources.

I understand that I am solely responsible for all charges and fees, including outside telephone, printing, and merchandise purchases made through the network. The Providence School Department is not a party to such transactions and shall not be liable for any costs or damages, whether direct or indirect, arising out of network transactions by the user.

In addition, I acknowledge that the Providence School Department's computer network belongs solely to the Providence School Department and that any files, records, electronic mail or other communication may be examined, edited, or deleted by the Providence School Department at any time, in accordance with the Providence School Department's policy or regulations. In general, electronic mail in personal accounts will not be inspected without the consent of the sender or a recipient, except as necessary to investigate a complaint.

I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the Providence School Department's network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the Providence School District and its School Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use, or inability to use, the network.

I understand that the use of the internet is a privilege, not a right. I further understand that any violations of the above guidelines will result in immediate suspension of my internet privileges, and that as a result of such violations further disciplinary measures may be taken.

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Print PPSD Employee's Name   PPSD Employee's

I have read the Providence School Department's "Internet Acceptable User Policy" and I understand and