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Student Internet Safety/Acceptable Use and Social Media Contract

As we begin another school year, it is important that students and parents are aware of the Internet Safety/Acceptable Use and Social Media guidelines.

Internet Safety /Acceptable Use:

- Passwords are private and should not be shared with others. Students should not allow anyone else to use their accounts since each student is responsible for what happens in his/her own account. Students should log off computers when finished in order to prevent others from accessing their accounts.
- Food and beverages in open containers are not allowed near the computers at any time.
- Student accounts are subject to monitoring at any time and should not be considered private. This means that staff members may remotely observe which websites students are accessing, documents in their folders and what they are typing at any time.
- Students may not install software on any school computer. Students may not copy or download executable files to their My Documents folder or hard drives or network folders without explicit authorization from school personnel.
- Any computer-based activities deemed by the school staff to be non-educational can be prohibited. Downloading, installing, or playing unauthorized games of any kind is forbidden.
- Attempting to bypass the system filter (Barracuda) is forbidden. This is considered hacking and will result in loss of all account privileges or possible legal action.
- Respect for school equipment and the school network is a condition of use of school computers. Destruction, loss and/or damage will result in fines.
- Internet may be accessed only for support of the instructional program and the curriculum. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state

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regulation is prohibited, including copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

Social Media:

Gentry Academy recognizes and supports the students' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of the internet and social Media. As a student and athlete, you represent the school and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, and your school in a positive manner at all times.

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online, even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, and comments) may be accessible even after you remove it. Once you post a photo or comment on a social networking site, that photo or comment becomes the property of the site and may be searchable even after you remove it.
- What you post may affect your future! Many employers, college admissions officers, and athletic recruiters review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, etc.).
- Similar to comments made in person, Gentry Academy will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
 - Derogatory language or remarks
 - Incriminating photos or statements
 - Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person
 - Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation (regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional)

If you are asked to remove a post, please do so immediately. This is for the protection of your reputation and that of Gentry Academy.

Social media outlets will be used as communication devices. They will also be used to encourage involvement with family, friends, fans, colleges and recruiting outlets.

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In short, do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The online social network sites are not a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Think about who you represent: yourself, your family, your teammates and coaches, and your school. Others are going to associate everything you post with you and what you represent. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image of which you can be proud of.

I have read and do understand the school district policies relating to safety and acceptable use of the school district computer system and the Internet and agree to abide by them. These policies can be found on the Gentry Academy website. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Signatures:

Student: _____ Parent: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____