

Chickering School
Responsible Use Internet Agreement
Grades: 4 and 5



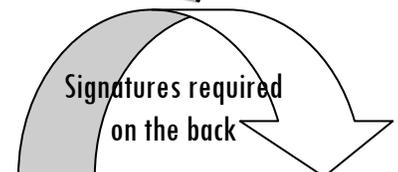
I, , pledge to follow these rules while using the Internet at school. If I break these rules, I understand that the privilege of using the Internet will be taken away for my own safety.

Staying Safe on the Internet

- I will never give out personal information such as my last name, home address, birthday, photo, telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my teacher's permission.
- I will tell my teacher right away if anything happens online that makes me feel uncomfortable, upset, sad or unsafe.
- I will not share my password with anyone other than my parents, not even with my best friend.
- I know that the words, pictures and videos I post online, and everything that I write about myself and others, will likely be online forever. Therefore I will not put anything online that I wouldn't want my family members and teachers to see.

Being Responsible on the Internet

- I will always treat people online with respect, using only polite and acceptable language.
- I will not use someone else's password.
- I will not reply to messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. I understand that it is not my fault if I get a message like that, and if I do, I will tell my teacher right away.
- I will not bully anyone online in any way, such as: sending pictures, sharing videos, spreading gossip, setting up fake profiles or saying cruel things about people.
- I will use the Internet for learning only.
- I will only access a site decided upon by my teacher.
- I will only use the Internet when supervised by an adult.



Background Information for Adults

DEFINITIONS from Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.)

Bullying, as defined in M.G.L. c. 71, § 37O is the repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a target that:

1. causes physical or emotional harm to the target or damage to the target's property;
2. places the target in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself or of damage to his or her property;
3. creates a hostile environment at school for the target;
4. infringes on the rights of the target at school; or
5. materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.

Cyberbullying is bullying through the use of technology or electronic devices such as telephones, cell phones, computers and the Internet. It includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messages, text messages and Internet postings. See M.G.L. c. 71, § 37O for the legal definition of cyberbullying.

Hostile environment, as defined in M.G.L. c. 71, § 37O, is a situation in which bullying causes the school environment to be permeated with intimidation, ridicule or insult that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of a student's education.



Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Classroom Teacher: