

# FOR EDUCATIONAL USE OF TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

## NETWORK, COMPUTING EQUIPMENT, AND INTERNET CONNECTION

The Trinity Alps Unified School District has actively pursued making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to our students and staff. The digital information highway is a collection of information from all over the world to which you can travel. As more people use this method of travel, rules to keep the route *safe for the user and the system* becomes vital for a successful, enriching journey.

Some parts of the Internet may contain harmful matter (as defined by Penal Code 313) that is not suited for students. The intent of the Trinity Alps Unified School District is to use connections on the Internet only for purposes consistent with our approved curriculum. Although the actual percentage of unacceptable materials is small, it can cause concern for educators, students and parents if a student accesses those materials while doing legitimate research. Additionally, the Internet contains a vast library of applications. These applications can be classified as productive enhancements, non-productive nuisances, or destructive disrupters. If you have a question or concern regarding any materials you find, play it safe! Immediately contact an adult such as your teacher, the librarian, or an aide.

### Internet Policy

#### Acceptable Use

Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research while remaining consistent with the educational and ethical objectives of the Trinity Alps Unified School District. A teacher, in the course of setting guidelines for classroom/lab management, may impose restrictions in addition to those stipulated by this Policy. Use of the Internet to access another organization's network or "on-line" computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that organization, as well as the rules set forth in the Trinity Alps Unified School District Internet and Network Policies.

**Because the Trinity Alps Unified School District's Internet connection is used as part of a school activity, your school's code of conduct applies to Internet activities as well. Therefore, this Internet Policy is an extension of your school's behavior code. These rules apply to vandalism of computer hardware/software, attempts to gain unauthorized access, and harassment. As responsible young adults, you are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following:**

Be polite. You may not use the Trinity Alps Unified School District's Internet connection to annoy, harass or otherwise offend other people. Impolite private web sites pertaining to Trinity Alps Unified School District schools, students, faculty, staff, administration, and/or trustees will be scrutinized severely for civil and legal violations.

Use appropriate language.

For your own safety, and for the safety of others, exercise caution, do not reveal your personal address or phone number or addresses/phone numbers of students or staff members.

Note that electronic mail (E-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to, or in support of, illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Messages violating any of the terms set forth in this agreement may result in removal of all computing privileges provided by Trinity Alps Unified School District. Access to on-line e-mail accounts not sponsored by Trinity Alps Unified School District may be disabled at any time without warning.

All electronic resources (graphics, sounds, movies, etc.) accessible via the Internet should be assumed to be copyrighted, private property unless explicitly stated as otherwise by the source. Use of these resources must be accompanied by either written permission from the source author or a formal bibliographical reference to the source and author.

#### Unacceptable Use

Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, material protected by trade secret, destructive or disruptive material, such as computer viruses.

Use for commercial activities, gambling, product advertisement, or political lobbying is not acceptable and is prohibited. Any transmission or reception of pornographic material is also unacceptable and is expressly prohibited.

**Accessing non-public areas of the Trinity Alps Unified School District's network and/or computing equipment from any Internet connection (public or private) is forbidden**

Downloading and/or installing any application, plug-in, update, or patch without prior consent from Trinity Alps Unified School District personnel is not acceptable.

Students, not under direct adult supervision, are not allowed access to Trinity Alps Unified School District's Internet connection.

#### Internet/Network Policy

Increased access to Trinity Alps Unified School District's network and computing equipment is accompanied by increased responsibilities for the user. Additions to the rules, terms, and guidelines stipulated in the Internet Policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- b. Attempts to login on any Trinity Alps Unified School District network or computing system as a system administrator, teacher, or as another user will result in cancellation of your account.
- c. Use of any application that may compromise the security, integrity, or performance of the network is prohibited. Use only applications that are currently a part of the system. If there is an application that you feel would enhance the system, report its merits to the system administrator.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of all network and computing privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, or creation of, computer viruses or dismantling or going around the security system.

Important Definition "Hacking": The attempt to overcome or circumvent limitations placed upon system users by system administrators. Many of the Unacceptable Uses noted above are forms of either *hacking* or *cracking*. Regardless of intent, attempts by unauthorized users to monitor, map, change, disrupt, gain unauthorized access to, or destroy data stored on Trinity Alps Unified School District's network or computing equipment is strictly prohibited. Mere possession of unsponsored tools necessary to perform these actions may result in removal of all computing privileges. Malicious attempts at hacking or cracking may result in suspension, expulsion, or legal action. Hacking and/or cracking is to be considered unethical in all instances.