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Internet Safety Policy

Harrisville Central School is providing students access to our educational computer resources. Students have access to various software applications, databases, libraries, and computer services through the Internet. With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. Unacceptable use of these resources will result in suspension or revocation of these privileges as well as discipline, monetary and/or legal consequences.

- **Use** – Use of the computer networks and Internet in Harrisville Central School must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Harrisville Central School District.
- **Controversial Materials** – Harrisville Central School will take available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials, including filtering Internet access as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information in written and graphic form. The Harrisville Central School district firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may access material that is not consistent with the education goals of the District.
- **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel that you can identify a security problem on any network, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Do not use another individual’s account without written permission from that individual. Do not give your password to any other individual. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Attempts to log in as a system administrator without authorization are serious and will result in cancellation of user privileges and may incur other disciplinary action. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Harrisville computer systems.
- **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, NERIC, or any other agencies or networks that are connected to Harrisville Central School computers. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to:

- Use of the computer network for any unethical or illegal activity including violation of copyright laws, transmission or use of threatening or obscene material or violation of confidential information
- Use of the computer network for commercial purposes, product advertisement or political lobbying
- Vandalizing, degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance
- Unauthorized access to resources or systems including the use of an account owned by another user
- Transmission of computer viruses
- Use of racist, sexist, pornographic or inappropriate language or images
- Sharing personal information electronically
- Sending or posting anonymous messages or using another’s name
- Plagiarism
- Sharing personal passwords and/or accounts with others
- Invading the privacy of others

While students need a certain amount of privacy, parental involvement and supervision is important. The Harrisville Central School District will make a reasonable attempt to prevent inappropriate use of the electronic resources, including Internet filtering as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, but ultimately the responsibility lies with the student. Parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying acceptable standards that their child should follow.