Graford ISD's Technology Responsible Use Policy

Graford Independent School District (ISD) provides a variety of electronic communications systems for educational purposes. **The electronic communications system is defined as the District's network (including the wireless network), servers, computer workstations, mobile technologies, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, email, and any other technology designated for use by students, including all new technologies as they become available.** This also includes any access to the Graford ISD's technology system while on or near school property, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored activities, and includes the appropriate use of district technology resources via off-campus remote access.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Graford Independent School District educates staff and students regarding about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites (including chat rooms).   Graford ISD also educates staff and students on cyberbullying awareness to insure Internet safety, including use of email and Web 2.0 resources, and has deployed filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate content such as those that are illegal, harmful, or contain potentially offensive information. While every effort is made to provide the most secure and optimal learning environment by monitoring on-line activities, it is not possible to absolutely prevent access (accidental or otherwise) to inappropriate content. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While the district will take reasonable steps to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. **It is each student's responsibility to read district policy, regulations and agreement forms and ask questions if you need help in understanding and following the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.**

Graford ISD users are permitted to use the district's resources for legitimate educational purposes. Personal use of district resources is prohibited. In addition, if a particular behavior or activity is generally prohibited by law, by Board policy or by school rules or regulations, use of Graford ISD resources for the purpose of carrying out such behavior or activity is prohibited.

The smooth operation of the electronic communications system relies on the proper conduct of the users. Actions that are unacceptable in the Graford ISD community are also unacceptable on the network, computing systems and other electronic services, including. Therefore, GRAFORD ISD has set the following standards and expectations for conduct:

- Using the district's electronic communications system for illegal purposes including, but not limited to, cyberbullying, gambling, pornography, and computer hacking.
- Disabling or attempting to disable or breach any system monitoring or filtering or security measures.
- Utilizing proxy gateways, or similar technologies, to bypass the Graford ISD's monitoring or filtering.
- Sharing user names and passwords with others; and/or borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.

- Purposefully opening, viewing, using or deleting/destroying/modifying files belonging to another system user without permission.
- Changing hardware or software configurations.
- Downloading, installing or plagiarizing copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus or other malicious programs onto the district's system.
- Electronically posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, illegal, or damaging to another's reputation.
- Wasting school resources through improper use of the computer system(s).
- Utilizing school resources for non-instructional purposes.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Purposefully misrepresenting yourself or others.
- Utilizing social network tools for personal use.
- Electronic mail is a Graford ISD resource and is provided as a communications tool. Employees with legitimate business purposes may have the need to view your electronic mail messages. It is also possible that others may view your messages inadvertently, and there is no guarantee of privacy for an electronic mail message.
- The campus network is a shared resource. Therefore, network uses or applications which inhibit or interfere with the use of the network by others are not permitted (For example, applications which use an unusually high portion of network bandwidth for extended periods of time, thus inhibiting the use of the network by others, are not permitted).
- Users are required to know and obey the specific policies established for the systems and networks they access. They have a responsibility to stay informed of changes and adapt as needed.
- Administrators of the network, computer systems and other electronic services have the responsibility to protect the rights of users, to set policies consistent with those rights, and to publicize those policies to their users. They have authority to control or refuse access to the network or other services to anyone who violates these policies or threatens the rights of other users.

Employee violations of the Acceptable Use Policy will be treated as violations of Graford ISD policy and may result in disciplinary action. Prosecution under state and federal laws may also apply.

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the district will monitor my activity on the computer system. I have read and understand Graford ISD's Technology Responsible Use Policy and agree to abide by the provisions in this policy. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension, confiscation, or revocation of system access.

Signature: _____ Date: _____