**INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Hot Springs Adventist School is pleased to offer its students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. **To gain access to the Internet, both parent/guardian and student must sign this form.**

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some materials accessible via the Internet contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, and offensive. Many educators believe, however, that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the disadvantages and therefore this school has chosen to make the Internet available to it’s students. Ultimately parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying standards that their children should follow when using media information sources. We respect each family’s right to decide whether or not to apply for their child’s Internet access.

Since the Internet is provided for students to conduct research, access is granted to students who agree to act in a responsible manner. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access requires responsibility. Access requires parental permission. Assess requires compliance with the following:

1. Students should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electric communications or other computer files sent and received on the school computer network or stored in his/her directory. Teachers and/other school employees may review the subject, content, and appropriateness of electronic communications or other computer files and remove them if warranted, reporting any violation of rules to the school administration or law enforcement officials.

2. When sending electronic messages, students shall not include information that could identify themselves, other students and staff. Examples of identifying information include last names, addresses and phones numbers. Students shall identify themselves by first names only. Students shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data or passwords belonging to other users.

3. Students shall not: (a) copy and forward, (b) copy and download, and (c) copy and upload to the network or Internet server any copyrighted material, without approval by a teacher or school administrator. Copyrighted material is anything written by someone else. It could be an e-mail message, a game, a story, an encyclopedia entry, or software.

4. All sites containing sexually explicit materials – materials showing male or female nudity – are off limits.

5. Students who violate the Internet use rules set forth in this policy will be subject to the discipline outlined by the school administration and staff.

6. Students shall not infiltrate, or “hack,” outside computing systems or networks. Students shall not disrupt a system or interfere with another’s ability to use that system. Nor shall students do any of these things to the Hot Springs Adventist School computer system.

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7. Students shall not use the school’s computer network to solicit sales or conduct business, nor set up web pages to advertise or sell a service.

8. Students shall adhere to Christian principles when using the computers at Hot Springs Adventist School.

As a user of the Hot Springs Adventist School’s computer network, I agree to comply with the above-stated rules and policies, acting in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

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