GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT GIBBSTOWN, NEW JERSEY

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE PROCEDURE

The Greenwich Township School District has established Internet service in the Broad Street and Nehaunsey Schools through a local Internet provider. The purpose of this is twofold: more generally, to give students and employees general access to world resources; and secondly, in a more limited aspect, to enhance educational goals and objectives.

Along with access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered of educational value in a school setting. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials by teaching students about responsible use and by the use of software, to block user's access to inappropriate material.

The use of our district's Internet connection is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Users of the school's Internet accounts must review the use procedures, learn proper use of the network, and become familiar with Internet etiquette, called netiquette.

If dial-up networking is available in the home, parents are encouraged to supervise their child's networking, and discuss any additional boundaries of what is considered acceptable use by members of their family.

LIMITED USE

- 1. Use of the system is limited to educational and professional development activities, specific class-related activities, and high-quality self-discovery activity.
- 2. Users will be restricted from using the Internet for commercial purposes. The school assumes no financial obligations arising from unauthorized use. Product advertising is prohibited.
- 3. Users will be restricted from using the Internet for political lobbying. However, the general analyzing of legislative measures for educational purposes, and the communication of opinions to elected officials is encouraged.
- 4. Users will be restricted from material that is considered foul; sexual, or harassing to a group or individual.

NETIQUETTE

- 1. Be polite. Do not be abusive in message to others.
- 2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear or use vulgarities. Avoid typing in capital letters, as this is considered shouting.
- 3. Do not reveal your network passwords.
- 4. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

STUDENT AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (for users under 18 years of age)

As an Internet user, I am aware that I (my child) will have Internet access in the Greenwich Township Schools for educational purposes and quality self-discovery. I have read the information herein and understand that any violation of this contract may result in me (my child) losing Internet access privileges.

PRESS RELEASE WEBSITE RELEASE – SCHOOL WEBSITE <u>ONLY</u>

Sometimes during the school year, there may be newspaper photographers or reporters in school to cover school events. We need your permission for your child to be photographed or his/her name used in any news articles that may be published. Your signature on the attached yellow card gives your permission for the school district to use your child's photo or written articles for the Gloucester County Times or other board approved newspapers, district publications such as the Greenwich Gazette or school publications such as a Principal's Newsletter.

As you may know the district also has a web page, <u>www.greenwich.k12.nj.us</u>, and occasionally uses pictures or names of students on the website. These pictures may be individual or group pictures.