Student Teacher Policy Regarding Internet and Computer Acceptable Use

One of the resources student teachers will have access to during their student teaching semester will be computer/Internet services. Included in these services are the use of computer hardware, networks, email, and access to the Internet.

Computer/Internet access to people and computers around the world may make available materials that may or may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. School districts take available precautions to restrict access to objectionable materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all available material and a user may discover controversial or inappropriate information. We strongly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may obtain objectionable material.

To ensure the best educational experience when using school-district-provided computer/Internet services, student teachers in education programs and Utah State University must comply with the following specific uniform practices and guidelines:

Etiquette and Guidelines

- Never share password information.
- Do not reveal personal information about yourself or others.
- All network communication must be courteous and free from inappropriate language.
- Electronic mail is not private. Computer network communications should never be considered private and are subject to monitoring by district, local, state, and federal agencies.
- Use of other organizations’ networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- If you are unsure about whether an action is appropriate, ask your mentor teacher(s).

Users must NOT . . .

- Attempt to tamper with other people’s data (including email) or to gain unauthorized access to data on the network.
- Use the network/Internet for commercial use, product advertisement or political lobbying activities.
- Use computer networks to support illegal activities as defined by local, state, or federal law.
- Use computer networks or connections for objectionable purposes such as the receipt, storage, or distribution of profanity or other offensive language and sexually explicit materials including nudity and other graphic or textual depictions of sexually explicit activities.
- Use email services to harass, intimidate, or otherwise annoy another person, eg. broadcasting unsolicited messages or sending mail after being told it is unwanted.
- Attempt to harm or destroy data or equipment provided by the school district or any entity connected to it. This includes, but is not limited to knowingly uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses.

Violation of any part of this policy will be subject to consequences as determined by Utah State University Office of Field Experience personnel and/or any criminal prosecution under appropriate local, state and federal laws that are applicable. Violation may also result in consequences dictated by the school district given the pertinent policy or guideline.

Printed Name: ____________________________________
(Last, First, Middle)

I have read the Student Teacher Acceptable Use Policy and agree to abide by all conditions. I understand that violation of the provision stated in the policy may constitute suspension or revocation of computer/network/internet privileges and/or disciplinary action.

Signature: ____________________________________ Date: ________________