GRANT PARK HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE-USE POLICY

The Internet, an electronic highway, connects thousands of computers, computer networks and individual subscribers around the world. Internet users must sign the "Internet Agreement" at the time of registration prior to being given access to the school's Internet connection. This Policy will define the educational objectives and guidelines for use as well as unacceptable uses, which will lead to revocation of access privileges.

Users (and parents of users under 18 years of age) must understand that Grant Park High School cannot control the content of the information available. Some of the information is controversial and sometimes offensive. However, the valuable information and interaction accessible on this world-wide network outweigh the possibility that users may find inappropriate material. Grant Park High School does not condone the use of such materials and will not tolerate students accessing them. School employees, students, and parents must be aware that access to the Internet will be withdrawn from users who do not respect the rights of others or who do not follow the rules and regulations established by Grant Park High School.

GOALS To enhance learning opportunities by focusing on the application of skills in information retrieval, searching strategies, research skills, and critical thinking.
➝ To promote life-long learning.

ACCESS INCLUDES
➝ Information, news and resources from businesses, libraries, educational institutions, government agencies, research institutions and a variety of other sources.
➝ Telecommunications with individuals and groups around the world.
➝ Public domain and shareware software.

ACCEPTABLE USES
The internet will be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner and must be in support of the educational objectives and the student behaviour guidelines of Grant Park High School. **Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or provincial regulation is prohibited.**

UNACCEPTABLE USES include, but are not limited to the following:
➝ Violating copyright laws
➝ Forwarding personal communications without the author's consent
➝ Using threatening or obscene material
➝ Harassing, insulting or attacking others
➝ Using or distributing passwords to others
➝ Using technology resources for commercial reasons.
➝ **Social networking such as chatting, blogging, etc. on Twitter, Facebook, et al, is NOT allowed.**
➝ **Online "POSTING" of school events involving students and/or staff is NOT allowed.**

NETIQUETTE RULES Users must abide by network etiquette rules. These rules include, but are not limited to:
➝ Being rude is unacceptable.
➝ Use appropriate language; do not swear, use vulgarities or other abusive or inappropriate language.
➝ Do not disrupt the use of the network.
➝ Assume that all communications and information accessible via the network is private property.

PRIVILEGES **The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right**. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of user privileges and possible disciplinary actions.

SECURITY Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Attempts to tamper with any programs, access the system as any other user, or to share a password will result in cancellation of user privileges. Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private; system operators have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities, and disciplinary action will follow.

VANDALISM Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges and disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm, disassemble or destroy equipment and/or data. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading, creating or transmitting computer viruses.