



## **POLICY ON STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF NOBLE STREET CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK**

### **PURPOSE:**

Noble Street Charter School provides computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. Students are limited to using the school computers and network for completing classroom and extra-curricular club assignments and projects. Noble Street Charter School may make Internet access or electronic mail (“e-mail”) available to students on the NSCS Network as educational resources. It is a general policy of Noble Street Charter School to promote the use of computers in a manner which is responsible, legal and appropriate. Student use of the NSCS Network is a privilege. A student’s failure to adhere to the Student Acceptable Use Policy (“Policy”) will result in the revocation of the student’s access privileges. Should a student’s access privileges be revoked, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity for access to the NSCS Network.

### **POLICY TEXT:**

#### **I. USE OF THE NSCS NETWORK SERVICES**

Improper use of the NSCS Network is prohibited. Uses of the NSCS Network that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Use of the NSCS Network for, or in support of any illegal purposes;
2. Use of the NSCS Network for, or in support of, any obscene or pornographic purposes; this includes, but is not limited to, the retrieving or viewing of any sexually explicit material;
3. Violation of any of the Illinois School Student Records Act, which governs students’ right to privacy and the confidential maintenance of certain information including, but not limited to, a student’s grade and test scores;
4. Use of profanity, obscenity of language that is generally considered offensive or threatening to persons of a particular race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or to persons with disabilities;
5. “Reposting” or forwarding personal communications without the author’s prior consent;
6. Copying commercial software in violation of state, federal, or international copyright laws;
7. Using the NSCS Network for financial gain or for the transaction of any business or commercial activities.
8. Plagiarizing (claiming another person’s writing as your own) and information gained on or through the NSCS Network or any other network access provider;
9. Using the NSCS Network for political lobbying;
10. Intentionally disrupting the use of the NSCS Network for other users, including, but not limited to, disruptive use of any process, program, or tool for ascertaining passwords or engaging in “hacking” of any kind, including, but not limited to, the illegal or unlawful entry into an electronic system to gain secret information or the introduction of computer viruses, worms, or Trojans into the NSCS Network;
11. Providing access to the NSCS Network to unauthorized individuals; and
12. Use of the NSCS Network to violate any provision of Noble Street Charter School Uniform Discipline Code.



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## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

The privilege of using the NSCS Network is free to students of the Noble Street Charter School.

The students to whom an account on the NSCS Network is issued is responsible, at all times, for its proper use.

*A Responsible Student User of the NSCS Network:*

- MAY keep a free account on the NSCS Network as long as he she is a student at Noble Street Charter School;
- MAY use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects;
- MAY use the Internet to send e-mail to other user of the NSCS Network and to people around the globe when working assigned classroom projects;
- MAY use the Internet to explore other computer systems when working on assigned classroom projects.

*A Responsible Student User of the NSCS Network:*

- SHOULD change his or her password frequently;
- SHOULD NOT give his or her password to another person.

*A Responsible Student User of the NSCS Network:*

- UNDERSTANDS that NONE of his or her communications and information accessible through the NSCS Network is considered private or confidential and Noble Street Charter school reserves the right to access all user accounts, at any time, including student electronic mail;
- UNDERSTANDS the NSCS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy before logging on;
- UNDERSTANDS that if the NSCS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy is violated, the student's account on the NSCS Network will be revoked;
- UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from NSCS Network by a school faculty member that he or she has the right to appeal the removal within (30) days, in writing, to the principal of the school. The school principal's decision shall be FINAL;
- UNDERSTANDS that he or she must make arrangement with the IT Director and/or Technology Teacher for consideration to re-earn computer privileges.
- UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from the NSCS Network, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity to access the Network;
- UNDERSTANDS his or her grades may suffer from the loss of computer privileges in that no deadline will be extended for students unable to create or print assignments;
- UNDERSTANDS that it is a violation of the NSCS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy to use a computer or the network for a friend who has lost computer privileges (e.g. printing a file from home, researching on the web, typing an assignment, etc.)

## III. PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR STUDENT USE OF THE NSCS NETWORK

Prior to the activation of a student's account on the NSCS Network, the parent or guardian of the student must provide written authorization in the form outlined in Attachment A.

## IV. STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTERNET TEST

All students to whom an account on the NSCS Network has been assigned shall sign a form acknowledging the requirements of the Policy on the student acceptable use. All students must demonstrate their understanding of the Policy by completing the NSCS Network Student Internet Test or a makeup test with a score of 100%. The acknowledgement form is provided as Attachment B. The Student Internet Test is administered in a designated class.



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Attachment A

## NETWORK PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I have read and understand the NSCS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy and the NSCS Network Student Internet Test. I understand that the Internet is a worldwide group of millions of computer networks. I know that Noble Street Charter Schools does not control the content of these Internet networks. When using the Internet, I realize that my child may read material that I might consider inappropriate or offensive. Noble Street Charter School has my permission to give an Internet account to my child. I understand that my child, while a Noble Street Charter School student, may keep this address as long as the procedures described in the NSCS Network Student Acceptable Use Policy are followed.

PRINTED Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form (I)**



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Attachment B

## STUDENT SIGNATURE FORM

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Student's Last Name, Student's First Name, M. I.

*Noble Street Charter School*

School Name:

I have read and understand the Policy on Student Acceptable Use of the NSCS Network. If I follow the Student the Student Acceptable Use Policy, I may keep my account on the NSCS Network. If I do not follow the Policy on Student Acceptable Use of the NSCS Network, I understand that my account on the NSCS Network will be taken away from me. **I understand that if my account is taken away from me, there will be NO second chance.**

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Student Signature

Date

**Form (J)**

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