

## **Valley Oaks Charter School Acceptable Use Policy**

Electronic information services (Internet) are available to students and teachers at school programs operated by Valley Oaks Charter School. Valley Oaks Charter School strongly believes in the educational value of such electronic services and recognizes their potential to support curriculum and learning. The goal in providing these services is to promote educational excellence by facilitating research, innovation, and communication. Student access at school will be for educational purposes and under staff supervision. Valley Oaks Charter School is currently making Internet services available through our school-based local area networks.

As a member of a school community and as representatives of their school in the global electronic community, students are expected to abide by a *code of conduct*. Access to the Valley Oaks Charter School Internet will be limited to students who have agreed to this *Code of Conduct*.

### **Student Code of Conduct For the Valley Oaks Charter School Electronic Community**

#### 1. Personal Responsibility:

As a student of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the Internet teacher or system administrator. I understand that all the rules of conduct described in the Valley Oaks Charter School discipline code apply when I am on the network.

#### 2. Acceptable Use:

The use of my assigned account will be in support of education and research and will support the educational goals and objectives of Valley Oaks Charter School. I am personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

In addition I will abide by the following:

I will only use Valley Oaks Charter School Internet access for academic research and class projects.

Use of other organization's networks or computing resources, which I may log into, will comply with rules and appropriate to that network.

I understand that accessing or sending any material in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes-but is not limited to-copyrighted material; threatening or obscene material; or material protected by trade secret.

I will not use Valley Oaks Charter School Internet access for commercial activities.

I will not use Valley Oaks Charter School Internet access for product advertisement.

I am aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws that I can be prosecuted for violating those laws.

### 3. Privileges

I understand that the use of Valley Oaks Charter Schools information system is a privilege-not a right-and inappropriate use will result in restrictions or modifications of those privileges. The system administrator(s) may close an account at any time deemed necessary. The administration, staff, or faculty may request that the system administrator modify or suspend specific user accounts.

### 4. Network Etiquette and Privacy:

I understand and will abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include (but are not limited to) the following:

**BEING POLITE.** I will not send or encourage others to send abusive messages.

**USING APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.** I understand that I am a representative of our school and district on a non-private system and that what I say and do can be viewed globally!

**PRIVACY.** I will not reveal my home address or personal phone number or the addresses or personal phone numbers of other students.

**ELECTRONIC EMAIL.** I understand that electronic mail (e-mail) sent through Valley Oaks Charter Schools network is not guaranteed to be private. Valley Oaks Charter Schools reserves the right to monitor or review e-mail sent over the Valley Oaks Charter Schools Internet access system. Inappropriate language or advocacy of illegal activity in e-mail messages may result in loss of system privileges and/or other disciplinary measures.

I understand that e-mail via the Valley Oaks Charter Schools Internet connection must be school related and must abide by the guidelines outlined here. I will immediately report any threatening, obscene, or harassing e-mail to school staff.

I understand that sending of any material in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyright, threatening, or obscene material.

5. Security:

If I identify a security problem, I will notify the system administrator at once. I will understand that all use of the Valley Oaks Charter Schools system must be under my own account and that any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

6. Vandalism:

Vandalism in the electronic community is any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes-but not limited to the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses. I understand that any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and legal referral.

I have read the Access Agreement and want my student to have Internet access through the Valley Oaks Charter Schools system and will support the code of conduct described in this document.

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Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the above agreement and will follow the Code of Conduct for Valley Oaks Charter School.

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Student

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Date