Students: This Acceptable Use Policy will allow you to use the computers and Internet resources at school. You and your parent/guardian must sign this document indicating you have read and understand its content.

Parents/Guardians: This document provides an explanation of the different computer and Internet-based resources your child will have access to at school. Your signature is required as confirmation that you and your child fully understand the guidelines and rules of this policy. Please refer to the parent information on the back side of this brochure.

Benefits of Using Computers & the Internet in School

There is a wealth of resources available on the computers in your school. Here are just some of the things you can do with them:

- Take quizzes/tests to show your teacher what you've learned.
- Access online resources such as the school library catalog, encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, and more.
- Access career and college information
- Create and store electronic documents.
- Use student-safe communication tools like email, discussions boards, etc.

Potential Risks

You need to be aware there are risks when using computers and Internet-based resources. The district has safeguards in place to protect users, but there are always potential risks, including:

- exposure to inappropriate material
- harassment
- negative encounters with others

The following rules will help you avoid these potential dangers while using the great resources that computers provide in your school.

Student Rules for Computer & Internet Use at School

- ❑ I will use the computers at my school only for educational activities.
- ❑ I will not intentionally damage the computers or other technology at my school.
- ❑ I will not share my passwords for any school programs with anyone, including friends.
- ❑ I will not use anyone else's password.
- ❑ I will not give out personal information about other people or myself. Personal information includes pictures, address, telephone number, school address, work address, etc.
- ❑ I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any District computer systems.
- ❑ I will not attempt to bypass the district's safety and security systems.

- ❑ I will never agree to get together with someone I "met" online without parental permission and guidance.
- ❑ I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. If I receive a message like this, I will tell my teacher right away.
- ❑ I will respect my privilege of using the Internet and not engage in any use that is harmful or hurtful to others.
- ❑ I will not use the Internet outside of school to harass or harm other students, teachers, or school personnel.
- ❑ I will cite my source whenever using information, pictures, or music that I did not create.

Consequences of Inappropriate Use

In today's society, computers are an important part of life and work. They are also an important part of your learning experience. However, if you violate the rules outlined in this document, you will face disciplinary action which may include revoking (taking away) your privileges for using school computers or even expulsion.

After discussing this information with your parent/guardian, sign the back and return it to your teacher.

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Login Information for Home Access

Some of our resources can be used at home and school. You can access these resources from your school's website. To log in at home, use the information below. Remember – you may not share this information with anyone else!

School Website:
_____.rialto.k12.ca.us

Grolier Login

Username: _____

Password: _____

You can also access resources from the Public Library through your school's webpage if you have a library card. Record your library card number here for easy access when you're on the Internet at home.

Public Library Card #:

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Family Internet Safety Pledge

❑ I will talk with my parents or guardian about their expectations and ground rules for going online.

❑ I will keep my identity private.

❑ I will never respond to any online communication that makes me feel uncomfortable.

❑ I will never meet in person with anyone I have first "met" online without discussing it with my parents or guardian.

❑ I will respect other people's rights while online.

Signatures of Family Members:

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Learn more about Internet Safety at https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns

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Information for Parents/Guardians: Rialto Unified School District strives to provide a powerful educational program for your child. Because technology is such an integral part of today's society, using technology during school is a critical component of your child's learning experiences. We take every precaution possible to ensure your child's safety while using these educational tools. Please help us teach your child appropriate use of technology by discussing the information in this document and encouraging them to adhere to the rules at all times. If you or your child have any questions or concerns, please contact his/her teacher.

Home Use of the Internet for Learning:
Parent involvement and supervision are critical to ensuring your child's safety on the Internet. Rialto Unified assists you in this by providing home access to resources that support your child's learning. The following are examples of the resources available at home as well as school:

❑ Online Library Catalog: search for books in the school library by reading level or topic. Print a list to take to school the next day.

❑ Research tools: students can research a topic using safe, educational resources provided by the District. Access online encyclopedias, textbooks, eMagazines, newspapers, and other reference works. These resources also provide links to external websites that have been reviewed for educational appropriateness.

❑ Synergy: students in grades 6-12 have an *account that allows them to turn in assignments, communicate with teacher, review grades and assignments* they can access at home or school.

❑ School Website: your school's webpage provides direct access to the aforementioned resources and class webpages where teachers can post additional resources selected to support your child's learning. Go to www.rialto.k12.ca.us and click "Schools" to locate a school's webpage.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding these resources. We hope you find them valuable when using the Internet at home to support your child's learning.

Student and Parent Signatures
Please sign below and return to your teacher.

I have read the District Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to follow the rules to ensure my safe and appropriate use of computers and the Internet at school.

Student Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____ Student ID#: _____

My child and I have read and understand this document. We agree to follow the rules stated in this policy.

Parent Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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