

Green Acres School

Acceptable Use Policy

BY CONTINUING TO ACCESS AND USE A GREEN ACRES SCHOOL PROVIDED WEBSITE AND/OR GREEN ACRES ADDRESS (E.G. @GREENACRES.ORG) AND/OR MATERIALS, I AGREE SUCH USE FORMS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ME AND GREEN ACRES. MY CONTINUING USE SIGNIFIES THAT I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH AND BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY AND CONTRACT.

GREEN ACRES SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LOOK AND FEEL, FEATURES, CHARACTERISTICS, AND ORGANIZATION OF GREEN ACRES' WEBSITES(S) AND THE TERMS OF USE AT ANY TIME, AND FROM TIME TO TIME. NO USERS HAVE ANY RIGHTS IN OR TO ANY SUCH WEBSITE OR THE CONTENT, ORGANIZATION OR APPEARANCE OF SUCH WEBSITE(S). ALL USERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULARLY REVIEWING THE THEN CURRENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE. YOUR USE OF THE SITE FOLLOWING ANY SUCH CHANGE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE THEN PREVAILING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Green Acres School (G.A.S. or the School) believes in the importance of freedom of expression, freedom of speech and the right to receive and use information. G.A.S. facilitates the exercise of these rights by providing access to information in many forms and provides access to its computers and the Internet as educational resources.

The purpose and uses for these particular resources are not different from any other type of School resource, and as such, G.A.S. retains control over the manner in which these resources are used.

The purpose of this contract is to assure that users of the School's technological resources recognize the limitations that G.A.S. imposes on their use of the School's technological resources and to establish an Acceptable Use Policy for all users. This policy also requires that anyone using the G.A.S. technological resources agrees to abide by state, federal and, if applicable, international regulations regarding these resources.

The purpose of School provided Internet access is to facilitate communications in support of research and education. To remain eligible as users, students, alumna, faculty and parents use of G.A.S. technological resources must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of Green Acres School. It is important to be mindful that use of School facilities is a privilege, not a right.

Users should not expect that files and postings stored on School-based computers will always be private. Electronic messages and files stored on School computers/servers may be reviewed to maintain system integrity and insure that users are acting responsibly and in accordance with these guidelines.

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I recognize that use of the G.A.S. website and related pages and programs, computers/servers and other equipment and software and access to such equipment, software and website features while at G.A.S. or via the internet is a privilege that can be immediately and permanently revoked. I understand that the constraints listed below constitute guidelines, and it would not be in the spirit of this contract to test the limits of these provisions. I agree to maintain a sincere and bona fide effort to stay well within their boundaries.

I agree that my use of any and all G.A.S. websites and any content and software found thereon are for my personal use. They may not be used by me for mailings, electronic mailings, or telephone solicitations or for my business purposes or commercial activities of any kind or nature or for any purpose other than accessing information about Green Acres School.

The following uses of School provided technology systems and equipment and Internet access are not permitted:

1. to access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;
2. to transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
3. to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or the School or any other organization;
4. to access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission; and,
5. to violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission. This includes the copyrights of G.A.S. and the material posted on G.A.S. provided websites.
6. to modify, copy, distribute, forward, display, re-post, reprint, sublicense, create derivative works from, transfer, link to, quote or sell any content appearing on G.A.S. websites without the prior written permission of G.A.S., except as expressly permitted herein or by federal copyright law. Violators risk legal action, including civil and criminal penalties, and damages.

G.A.S. is under no obligation to monitor or review the use of G.A.S. provided websites, and has no responsibility for any content posted on such website(s) not created by G.A.S. The School reserves the right to edit or delete any content that G.A.S., in its sole opinion, deems inappropriate, offensive or inconsistent with the purposes of the School, its program or provision of the website. Negative or

derogatory comments about the School, staff, parents, students or alumna are not to be posted on any such website(s).

G.A.S. owns all content and photos posted on any such website(s) and may use them for purposes consistent with and for the promotion of the School and the mission of the School.

G.A.S. reserves the right, at any time and without notice, to shut down any G.A.S. provided internet site, website or the like and or to deny access to any user, at any time, at its sole discretion. Any violation of the School's acceptable use policy and rules may result in a user's loss of the School's technology system and equipment and Internet access. Additional disciplinary action may be determined by the Head or by the Head of the Lower or Middle Schools in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior at G.A.S. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Further, I agree to use only my own password to access these resources. I will make every effort to keep my password secure, and I will not knowingly allow anyone else to use my password.

I agree not to attempt to discover passwords or other measures the School uses to control and monitor access to these resources. Should I inadvertently or otherwise do so, I agree to report this to the G.A.S. Director of Technology.

I agree not to alter any settings on any School provided computer.

I agree not to use G.A.S. provided resources for any illegal activity. This includes but is not limited to:

- tampering with computer hardware or software,
- unauthorized entry into computers, or
- vandalism to or destruction of computer files.

I agree not to introduce or knowingly allow the introduction of any computer virus to any G.A.S. computer; if I do so (whether intentionally or unintentionally), I will immediately notify the G.A.S. Director of Technology. I agree to maintain a current version of a commonly accepted (any questions about this shall be directed to the G.A.S. Director of Technology) antivirus program on any computer I use to access the G.A.S. website and agree to regularly update such antivirus software.

I understand that G.A.S. is providing the G.A.S. website as a courtesy to me and that I accept all responsibility for my use of G.A.S. website and related pages and programs and that I will make no claims of any kind or nature against G.A.S. related to or stemming from my use of the G.A.S. website and related

pages and programs, including any damage to my computer or materials kept thereon. I agree that my use of the G.A.S. website and related pages and programs is at my sole risk and that G.A.S. does not make any warranties or representations that such G.A.S. website and related pages and programs contain no malicious software, bugs, viruses, malware, bots or cookies or any other computer aspect which may affect in any way the equipment I use to access the G.A.S. website and related pages and programs.

I agree not to assume a fictitious identity in any activities associated with the School's technology system and equipment and Internet access.

I agree not to send personal information (such as pictures, addresses, or phone numbers) about myself or anyone else out onto the Internet using G.A.S. email address or G.A.S. equipment or provided software, unless specifically approved in advance by the G.A.S. Director of Technology.

I agree not to participate in any e-mail chain letters using G.A.S. email address or G.A.S. equipment or provided software.

I will not use profanity, obscenities, or any vulgar, offensive, or inflammatory speech, nor will I use the School's technology system and equipment and Internet access for the purpose of harassment or humiliation.