**Computer / Internet Use**

Omega Alpha Academy (OAA) provides computers and internet access to assist students. Systems are provided to assist students with their education and to increase academic achievement. Computers, computer files,the e-mail system, software, and internet use furnished to students are OAA’s property intended for educational use only and no personal business is to be conducted using any OAA equipment. A copy of OAA’s “Internet Safety Policy” and this document can be found on the school’s website, “www.oaa-k12.org”.

Students are expected to treat OAA computer equipment with care and respect. Students will be

responsible for any costs incurred for repairing damage caused by their abuse or misuse of the

computer equipment. Students also may be disciplined for abuse or misuse of computer

equipment, up to and including expulsion.

Students should not use a password, access a file, or retrieve any stored communication without authorization. To ensure compliance with this policy, computer and email usage may be

monitored. Students should be aware that the use of a password or security code does not

provide any privacy or other rights to the user, and that students must relinquish all such codes

and passwords upon request.

OAA prohibits the use of the computer system in ways that are disruptive, offensive to others, or

harmful to morale. For example, the display or transmission of sexually explicit images,

messages, and cartoons is not allowed. Other such misuse includes, but is not limited to, ethnic

slurs, racial comments, off-color jokes, or anything that may be construed as harassment or

showing disrespect for others.

The Internet should be used only for educational purposes. Although the Internet represents a

valuable information resource, it also presents a significant opportunity for abuse. The following

are examples of activities that could result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion:

* Visiting unauthorized and/or inappropriate websites, such as pornographic websites or websites designed to assist students with academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism, cheating, etc.).
* Sending or retrieving sexually explicit or offensive messages, cartoons, or jokes, ethnic slurs, racial epithets or any other statement or image that might be construed as harassment, disparagement, or libel.
* Using unauthorized software on OAA computers.
* Unlawful activities, including sending or receiving copyrighted materials in violation of copyright laws or license agreements.

Students who are aware of violations of this policy should notify a teacher or administrator.

Students who violate this policy may have their computer privileges temporarily or permanently

suspended, depending on the seriousness of the violation. Students also may be subject to

disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Quick Guide to Computer Use:

* Only authorized use of computers and printers.
* If you have questions about what is authorized - ASK!
* Do not visit unauthorized web sites.
* Do not share your password.
* Do not allow access to your account.
* Do not bring unauthorized software to school.
* Logout completely.
* Ignorance of what is unauthorized is NO EXCUSE!!

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand Omega Alpha Academy’s Computer/Internet Use policy, and that I will abide by these rules. I (student) also acknowledge that I have been instructed by Omega Alpha Academy staff on safe Internet usage practices.

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