

## **POLICIES REGARDING INTERNET ACCESS and BULLYING**

The following Agreement must be signed by both students and parents enrolled at Highpoint Academy in order for student to use the school computers and/or access the Internet.

### **COMPUTER USE/ INTERNET ACCESS:**

- Maintaining appropriate computer and Internet etiquette is required of all students.
- Students are strictly prohibited from the following:
  1. Using any school computer without teacher's permission and direct supervision.
  2. Sending or posting inappropriate, threatening, abusive or harassing e-mails to any teacher or student. This includes all on-line sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.
  3. Participating in any "chat room" during school day.
  4. Disclosing any type of personal information, including submission of inappropriate photographs, on-line.
  5. Doing instant messaging during school day.
  6. Accessing any inappropriate sites.
  7. Downloading e-mails or attachments of any kind.
  8. "Hacking" into any program.

**NOTE:** We strongly urge our Parents to continuously monitor computer usage at home since students may face serious consequences at school for inappropriate actions to other Highpoint students or Teachers/Staff from their home computers.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR IMPROPER USE OF COMPUTER/INTERNET:**

Students that fail to abide by our established acceptable use policies will face immediate consequences. Depending on the circumstances, these may include **any** of the following:

1. Prohibiting access to the Internet at school
2. Saturday morning Detention
3. Indoor or Outdoor Suspension
4. Expulsion

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR BULLYING, HARASSMENT OR THREATS**

Highpoint has zero-tolerance for bullying and harassment of any kind. If there is evidence that a student has bullied, harassed or threatened another student on-line, in a chat room, in person or on the phone (live in front of witness, via text message or voicemail), student will face immediate consequences, including possibility of expulsion. Students that bring to school any type of weapon or explosive; (including pocket knife, mace, pepper spray, bb gun, etc.) will be automatically expelled. (Please read and download Highpoint's "Behavior Management Plan.")

PARENT STATEMENT (all Students must have signed form in their files): I/we hereby give consent for my son/daughter to access the Internet at Highpoint Academy, Inc. I/we have read and clearly understand the rules for usage and the consequences for improper use of the Computer or the Internet. I'm also aware of the serious consequences my child will face if there is evidence that he/she bullied, threatened or harassed a student, using any forum as stated above. I hereby hold Highpoint Academy, Inc., its owners and employees harmless of any responsibility with regard to my child's unauthorized use of inappropriate on-line sites that he/she may access without permission.