## Internet Acceptable Use Policy Mr. Yahn RCK H.S. 2009-10

Students: Please sign at the bottom of this document. Parent/guardian also needs to sign this document in order for the student to have access to the internet in the technology computer lab.

## Acceptable Use Policy:

At RCK high school, students and teachers are permitted to use the internet in a variety of ways. Some of the tasks that we use the internet for include:

- E-mail correspondence with peers and colleagues
- Gathering information and news pertinent to assignments
- Participation in discussion boards to assist us with projects
- Access to university libraries to gather project-related information

It is in the best interest of the student that the internet be used *only* for reasons that apply towards educational development. Students have only 40 minutes per day in which they can work on assigned projects. Much time is wasted when students choose to visit web sites that don't pertain to the task at hand.

Students need to be made aware of the fact that the use of the internet is a privilege – not a right. Those that choose to abuse the privilege of internet use shall have the resource taken away. Students that continue to abuse the Acceptable Use Policy shall be reported to the grade-level administrator.

Students and parents need to be aware of the potential malicious activity that can take place on popular internet forum sites and chat rooms. Web sites like MySpace.com where people of all ages post their profiles can attract predatory types. During the school day, students are not permitted to visit the aforementioned types of web sites in the computer lab. It is my duty as a professional to ensure that my student's safety comes first.

Students also need to be made aware of the fact that over 100 students use the computer lab throughout the school day. It is essential that all 25 computers in the lab are working properly. Students that vandalize or destroy any of the lab's computer equipment will be held responsible for their actions. Disciplinary action and possible financial reimbursement to the school district for repairs/replacement of the equipment may be taken.

Parents/guardians and students: please sign on the lines below stating that you have read the **Acceptable Use Policy**. If you have any questions pertaining to the policy, please notify me via email at <u>Kevin.yahn@wappingersschools.org</u>

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_