INTERNET SAFETY FOR STUDENTS



 Using the Internet safely and responsibly.

Internet Users Are At Risk

- There are no censors on the web.
- There are crimes being committed on the internet.
- Children and Teenagers are particularly at risk from child predators.

Be Aware of Strangers

- A stranger is anyone you do not know personally.
- Protect Yourself from Physical Harm when using the Internet.
- Do not provide information or arrange a meeting with a stranger. Some bad people pose as children or teenagers on the internet to get information from you and to make you more comfortable chatting with them.

If you feel uncomfortable or afraid, tell someone.

- If you feel Harassed, Bullied, or Embarrassed let an adult know what is going on.
- If someone says something that makes you uncomfortable or is not appropriate, tell an adult you can trust such as your parent, teacher or counselor.

Be careful when downloading files or opening e-mail.

- Viruses, Spyware and Hackers can harm your computer.
- Phishing schemes are when someone tries to get your name, social security or credit card numbers, and can allow someone to steal your identity or your parent's.

Never give out personal or credit card information.



- You could do something, such as giving out a parent's credit-card number, that can cause legal or financial harm for you or your parents.
- Only your parents should use credit cards on the Internet.

Rules for Safety Online



 Make the following pledges to always practice safety while using the internet.



 I will not give out personal information such as my address, my telephone number, where I am, my parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.



 I will tell my parents or my teacher right away if I come across any information that doesn't feel or look right or makes me feel uncomfortable or embarrassed.



 I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.



I will never send a person my picture or any information about me without first checking with my parents.

- I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable.
- It is not my fault when I get a message like this. I will tell my parents or teachers right away so that they can handle the situation.



- I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit.
- I will not go to other sites or break these rules without their permission.



 I will not give out my Internet or network password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.



 I will check with my teachers or parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt the computer or jeopardize my school or family.



 I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.



 I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the Internet, computers and other technology.

Have Fun Online



- Get to know the Internet and learn how to find websites that are child friendly.
- Ask your teachers and other adults you trust for child friendly websites.
- Go to the Mountain Home School Website Internet Resource Center for a list of many child friendly websites. Under the Student Tab, click on Educational Links.



- People online may not be who they seem.
- Everything you read online may not be true.
- Follow rules and guidelines for computer use by your teachers and family at school and at home.
- Notify your teacher or family of messages or websites that make you feel uncomfortable.