

# DRUND Member Code of Conduct

This is a statement of the Struthers City Schools (SCSD) expectations regarding Members standards of conduct, both academic and non-academic. Members are expected to obey all laws and district policies and regulations. Members shall be subject to discipline for violation of these laws, policies, and regulations. Member misconduct may also be subject to other regulations of the district, including but not limited to regulations regarding complaints of harassment and discrimination.

All policies, procedures, codes of behavior and rules of the SCSD apply to those using online systems and resources provided by or on behalf of the SCSD. The "Code of Online Conduct" pertains to the use of online systems and resources. This Code has been prepared to protect the rights and safety of all.

The SCSD takes appropriate measures to ensure the security of the facilities and information that may be contained in them. The SCSD reserves the right to monitor the use of online resources by all that access the system.

## **1. Personal Safety Rules**

- a. **NEVER** reveal your access password or that of anyone else.
- b. **NEVER** send a picture of yourself, another person or a group of people over an electronic network without prior informed permission of all the individuals involved and, in the case of minors, their parents or guardians.
- c. **REPORT IMMEDIATELY** to a teacher any message or request that you receive that concerns or bothers you or that suggests personally contacting you.

## **2. Unacceptable Sites and Materials**

- a. On a global network such as the Internet it is impossible to effectively control the content of the information. On occasion, users of online systems may encounter material that is controversial and which other users, parents or staff might consider inappropriate or offensive. It is the responsibility of the individual user not to intentionally access such materials. If such materials are accessed by accident, the incident must be reported immediately to a teacher or appropriate authority.
- b. DRUND is committed to providing a safe online community that respects the rights of every individual. Discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated. It is not acceptable to use online systems to knowingly access sites, which contain material of a discriminatory or harassing nature.
- c. Users of DRUND Communities will not knowingly access, upload, download, store, display, distribute or publish any information that:
  - i. Is illegal or that advocates illegal acts or facilitates unlawful activity;
  - ii. Threatens or intimidates any person or suggests violence, hatred or discrimination toward other people;
  - iii. Uses inappropriate and/or abusive language or conduct;
  - iv. Contains inappropriate religious or political messages;
  - v. Violates or infringes the rights of any other person according to the SCSD policies;
  - vi. Is racially, culturally or religiously offensive;
  - vii. Encourages the use of controlled substances, participation in an illegal act or uses the system to incite criminal actions;
  - viii. Is of a defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic or sexually explicit nature;
  - ix. Contains personal information, images, or signatures of individuals without their prior informed consent;
  - x. Constitutes messages of sexual harassment or which contains inappropriate romantic overtones;
  - xi. Solicits any users on behalf of any business or commercial organization without appropriate authorization;
  - xii. Attempts to hide, disguise or misrepresent the identity of the sender.

### 3. Use Guidelines

- a. Actively engage in the conversations taking place online in a positive manner
- b. Read and think deeply about my peers' ideas, questions, suggestions and comments
- c. Address my community members by name when responding to their ideas
- d. Maintain an appropriate tone and stay on topic to further productive discussions
- e. Respectfully disagree with ideas. I will not attack my peers because their ideas are different from or contrary to my own.
- f. Be open-minded. I believe I can learn from the diversity of perspectives in the community
- g. Respect the privacy of my peers. I will not republish (i.e. cut and paste content from our posts, private individual and group messages, etc to other public forums) or discuss conversations that take place within the DRUND community.
- h. Seek help from my peers and or other community members if I have a concern or question
- i. I will not make fun of, tease or bully in any way any community member
- j. Only attach information (i.e. documents, images, videos, etc.) that are school related and appropriate to the community environment
- k. Submit posts that are reflective of my intellect. I will follow the appropriate conventions of English (i.e. spelling, grammar, sentence structure, word choice, etc.) to ensure that my postings clearly communicate my ideas.

### 4. Consequences

- a. Inappropriate use of online access by students and staff could result in disciplinary action that may include legal action and/or involvement of police.

The following discipline may be imposed, individually or in various combinations, on any student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct.

- **WARNING:** A warning is a written or oral notice to the student that preforms continuation or repetition of certain conducts and which may result in further disciplinary action.
- **DISCIPLINARY PROBATION:** Probation is a status imposed for a specific period of time in which a student must demonstrate his or her conduct conforms to district standards of conduct as set forth in these regulations. Conditions may be imposed at the discretion of the district. Misconduct during the probationary period or violation of any conditions of the probation may result in more serious disciplinary action, such as loss of privileges, suspension, or expulsion.
- **LOSS OF PRIVILEGES:** Loss of privileges is the denial of DRUND functionality (i.e. postings, commenting, messaging, etc.) for a designated period of time. Violations of any conditions or campus regulations during the period of sanction may result in further disciplinary actions.
- **REMOVAL/COMMUNITY SUSPENSION:** A member may be removed from the community by a community administrator(s).