INTERNET /COMPUTER USAGE POLICY

I. PURPOSE: To establish clear guidelines of appropriate and inappropriate use of North Sioux City Library technology to maintain a safe and productive environment for all patrons.

II. POLICY:

Consistent with the North Sioux City Community Library Mission Statement, the library provides computer and Internet access for research, education, and personal enrichment.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Access by Minors:

1. In compliance with section 22-24-56 of the South Dakota Codified Laws the Library uses a technology protection measure that limits minors ability to gain access to obscene matter or material as defined by section 22-24-27.
2. The North Sioux City Community Library requires young people up to the age of 18 years old to have parental/guardian consent to use the computers in the library.
3. A permission form, available from the librarian, must be signed by the parent/guardian.

B. Access by non-Card Holders:

1. Users who are not a member of the North Sioux City Community Library may use the patron computers 12 times in a calendar year for one hour each time.
2. After 12 times are used, it is required that they become a member of the library to continue to use the computers.

C. Public Users' Security:

1. Users should be aware that the Internet and the Library's wireless network are not secure mediums and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities.
2. However, North Sioux City Community Library will not release information on the use of specific computer or Internet resources by members of the public except as required by law or necessary for the proper operation of the library.

D. The library is not responsible for the Internet content, nor can the library endorse all the sources on the Internet as accurate, complete, current, or consistent with community values. The North Sioux City Community Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its electronic services, or from its connection to other Internet services.

E. Rules Governing Use:

1. The Library reserves the right to limit the amount of time an individual user can devote to a single session.
2. The public must comply with all appl cable federal, state, and local laws governing the transmission and dissemination of information while accessing the internet and with all library policies and procedures.
3. This includes any laws governing obscenity, child pornography, and

materials harmful to minors.

4. The North Sioux City Community Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. It is the responsibility of the user (or the parent, guardian or caregiver) to determine what is appropriate. Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values and boundaries.
5. There will be no viewing of offensive materials in areas where children are present, which is everywhere in the library.
6. Any use of the Internet that violates current laws or any transaction made will be the sole responsibility of the user.
7. Users are required to show their public library card or their picture ID to be able to use a computer.
8. Computer stations are available on a first come, first served basis, use will be limited to one hour when others are waiting.

F. Printing

1. Printing fees are $0.25 per page for black and white, $0.50 for color.
2. The printing fee is charged even if a patron provides his/her own paper.
3. At no time should anything that falls under the unacceptable use categories listed above be printed using the North Sioux City Community Library printers.

G. Headphones:

1. Patrons who wish to hear audio content on Library computers must use headphones.
2. The Library has 2 sets of headphones that can be checked out by the public.

H. Training:

1. Staff is available to introduce Internet access and provide initial instructions on its use.
2. However, to ensure the equitable delivery of all library services, the amount of time staff has available to provide Internet instruction is limited.