

## **CYBERPATRIOT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

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Working with young people can be among the most gratifying and impactful endeavors an adult can undertake, but there are also special responsibilities that must be discharged to prevent harm to the minor. As a CyberPatriot coach, mentor, technical advisor, or volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this CyberPatriot Standards of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the youth participating in CyberPatriot.

### **As a CyberPatriot Coach, Mentor, Technical Advisor or Volunteer, I will:**

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration;
- Emphasize ethical use of the internet and information technology skills and knowledge;
- Insofar as practical, avoid situations where I am alone with an individual minor;
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism or comparison when working with student competitors;
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from minors or their parents;
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to minors without prior written approval from the parents or guardian of the individual;
- Report any suspected abuse to school authorities and the local Child Protection Services agency; and
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of minors.

### **As a CyberPatriot Coach, Mentor, Technical Advisor or Volunteer, I will NOT:**

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of minors;
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while working with the team;
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time;
- Pose any health risk to others (e.g., no contact with the team when in a contagious condition);
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap any youth participating in CyberPatriot;
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade any youth participating in CyberPatriot;
- Touch a youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner;
- Use discipline that frightens or humiliates any youth participating in CyberPatriot; and
- Use profanity in the presence of any youth participating in CyberPatriot.

I understand that any action inconsistent with these Standards of Conduct, or failure to take action mandated by this Standards of Conduct, may result in my removal and prohibition from any future participation in CyberPatriot.