

**Authorization for Student Internet Access and Acceptable Use of the Internet**

*Each student who uses the Internet must sign this Authorization as a condition for using the District's Internet connection. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised access. Please read this document carefully before signing.*

All use of the Internet must be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This *Authorization* does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior. However, some specific examples are provided. Any student intentionally failing to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Internet Access* will be subject to the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The signature(s) at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions and understands their significance.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. Acceptable Use - Access to the District's Internet must be for educational or research purposes, and be consistent with the District's educational objectives.
2. Privileges - The use of the District's Internet is a privilege, not a right; intentional inappropriate use will result in those privileges being rescinded. The administration has final authority on all decisions regarding violations of this *Authorization* and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time.
3. Unacceptable Use - Responsibility for your intentional actions and activities involving the network belongs to you. Examples of unacceptable uses are:
  - a. Using the network for any illegal activity,
  - b. Downloading software not authorized by a staff member,
  - c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
  - d. Using the network for private or commercial advertising or financial gain;
  - e. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
  - f. Invading the privacy of individuals;
  - g. Using another user's account or password;
  - h. Accessing, submitting posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material.
4. Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
  - b. Use appropriate language.
  - c. Do not reveal the personal addresses or telephone numbers of others.
  - d. Recognize that electronic mail (E-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail.
  - e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
5. No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
6. Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any intentional breach of this *Authorization*.
7. Security - Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to network.
8. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
9. Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs that are incurred intentionally without staff authorization.

Students, parent(s)/guardian(s), need only sign this *Authorization for Internet Access* once while enrolled in the School District.

I understand and will abide by the above *Authorization for Internet Access*. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use, or inability to use the Internet.

USER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this *Authorization for Internet Access*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, **I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials.** I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Please Print):

SIGNATURE: