

## **Westside Union School District Student Internet Use Agreement**

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**Please read this document carefully before signing.**

We are pleased to offer students in the Westside Union School District (WUSD) access to the district computer network for the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the teacher/administrator in charge.

Access to the Internet will allow students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the district's intent is to make the Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Westside Union School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether to apply for access.

### **District Internet Terms and Conditions**

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of using the Internet in our school district is to support research and education by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Transmission of any material in violation of school policy or any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets.
- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. The following are not permitted:
  - Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
  - Using obscene language
  - Accessing personal e-mail
  - Harassing, insulting or attacking others
  - Sharing confidential information ( eg. name, personal address, phone number)
  - Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
  - Violating copyright laws
  - Using others' passwords
  - Trespassing in others' folders, work or files
  - Intentionally wasting limited resources
  - Employing the network for commercial purposes
  - Downloading of files
  - Purchasing of items, materials, goods, etc.
- 4) **Security** - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the teacher/administrator in charge. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to logon to the Internet as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

- 5) **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempts to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, attempts at gaining unauthorized access, or changing online materials without permission.

Westside Union School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. WUSD will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. WUSD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

***USER/STUDENT***

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and appropriate school or legal disciplinary action taken.

User's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

User's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***PARENT/GUARDIAN***

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Westside Union School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I accept responsibility for conveying acceptable standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I hereby give permission to issue an account for this student.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Sponsoring Teacher/Administrator (must be signed if applicant is a minor student)***

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote the Agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher/administrator, I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher/Administrator's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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