

## STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

Your son or daughter has the opportunity to access a worldwide computer network called the Internet. We have established an agreement with the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) to enable us to provide this service. Your son or daughter would be able to reach this worldwide network through a computer link to NOACSC.

NOACSC is a member of the Ohio Education Computer Network, a statewide computer network supported by the Ohio Department of Education. NOACSC provides a wide variety of data processing services to school districts in the northwest Ohio area.

The purpose of this policy is to inform you about some issues which we feel you need to be aware of:

- Students will have access to this network from school but they may also be able to access the network from home using a home computer and modem.
- Students may access this network 24 hours a day within the limitation of available incoming phone lines and account restrictions.
- Students may retrieve materials through the Internet that you might find objectionable.

As a district, we have agreed to the following disclaimer statement:

NOACSC

Network Access Disclaimer Statement

The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) provides access to interconnected computer systems to its school district members for educational and administrative purposes under laws and regulations of the State of Ohio. The NOACSC does not routinely monitor pupil or staff access to any of the interconnected systems and does not warrant the accuracy or appropriateness of any information contained in any of the interconnected systems. Some material contained in the interconnected systems may be inappropriate for school aged pupils. School district members permitting pupil access to the interconnected computer system(s) through the NOACSC assume full responsibility for any and all access to and usage of information contained on the interconnected computer system(s) and agree to indemnify and defend the NOACSC from any and all claims of any kind arising out of or related to usage of the network interconnected computers.

Before we can provide your child access to this network, we ask that you review, with your child, the following Student Ethics Guidelines and Prohibitions, and sign the consent form.

### STUDENT ETHICS GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR INTERNET ACCESS

#### **PART ONE – Student Conduct**

The Internet is a worldwide telecommunications network. There are hundreds of resources on the Internet. You will find libraries, government agencies, universities, discussion groups, Software, technical information, as well as the over 20 million people who are part of this world-wide network. While working on the Internet, you are expected to follow the District's Rules of Student Conduct and Ethics. Your use of the network is a privilege and may be revoked at any time for misuse.

## **PART TWO – Misuse of the Network**

The following is not presented as a comprehensive listing of prohibitions, but as examples of unacceptable use of the network.

1. Using someone else's network access is not acceptable.
2. Using your network access for activities which are not related to education is not acceptable.
3. Transmitting offensive, harassing statements is not acceptable.
4. Developing or transmitting inappropriate graphics is not acceptable.
5. Soliciting other users is not acceptable.
6. Transmitting sexual or ethnic slurs and/or jokes is not acceptable.

## **PART THREE – Penalty for Misuse**

Violating the guidelines, prohibitions, or the District's Student Conduct Code and Ethics Rules may result in you losing your network access.

Loss of network access may result in a grade reduction or failing the course.

Students may also be subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Conduct Code.

### **STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS CONSENT FORM**

Student: By signing below, I agree to follow the Student Ethics and Conduct Rules as outlined above, I understand that my use of the network is a privilege and may be revoked at any time for my misuse of the network.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student's Name

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Student's Signature (Grades 4-12 must sign)

Print name of School Building **JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Parent or  
Guardian:

I give my permission for my child to be granted access to the Internet Network through the NOACSC. I also understand that the NOACSC does not routinely monitor pupil access to any of the interconnected systems and does not warrant the accuracy or appropriateness of any information contained in any of the interconnected computer systems. I also understand that some material contained in the interconnected systems may be inappropriate for school aged pupils. I agree to indemnify the NOACSC from any and all claims arising out of or related to the usage of this network of interconnected computer systems.

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Print Parent or Guardian's Name

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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