

Parent/Guardian Consent and Waiver form for Your Student to Use Web 2.0 Tools and to Participate in Instructional Projects

In order to promote student understanding and use of 21st century technologies, our students need to be given opportunities to access these resources and practice using them in a mature, educational manner. It is the intent of the Red Hook Central School District to include the use of such tools in ways that educate students on their effective, appropriate use while also delivering instructional content. The types of technology that students may use include: online discussion boards, social bookmarking tools, podcasts, video production, learning networks, presentation tools, wikis, and blogs.

These resources often require students to complete a registration form to create a user account for themselves. Personal safety and confidentiality of student information is one of the most important considerations when using Web 2.0 tools. Students using websites, email or other web tools are expected to act responsibly, following the directions given by their teachers, and in accordance with the district's Acceptable Use Policy that governs the larger scope of responsible technology use.

I understand my child's in-school access to the Internet is designed solely for educational purposes. I also understand that a variety of inappropriate and offensive materials are available over the Internet, and it may be possible for my child to access these materials inadvertently or if he or she chooses to behave irresponsibly. I further understand that it is possible for undesirable or ill-tended individuals to communicate with my child over the Internet, that there is no practical way for the Red Hook Central School District to prevent this from happening, and that my child must take responsibility to avoid such communications if they are initiated. While I authorize the Red Hook Central School District staff to monitor any communications to or from my child on the Red Hook Central School District computer network and Internet, I recognize that it is not possible for the Red Hook Central School District to monitor all such communications. I have determined that the benefits of my child having in-school access to the Internet outweigh the potential risks, and I will not hold the Red Hook Central School District responsible for material acquired or contacts made on the Red Hook Central School District network or the Internet.

The Red Hook Central School District is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. No personal information about students is disseminated by the district or made accessible to those outside the learning community. Student use of Web 2.0 tools and assignments generated using these tools are monitored by the assigning teacher. To ensure that every student who participates in these online discussions does so with the consent of their parents, we ask that you sign this form giving or declining your consent. If you have any specific questions about Web 2.0 tools that may be used by your student's teacher(s), please contact the teacher(s) directly.

I have read and understand the Red Hook Central School District's Acceptable Use Policy regarding student use of the Internet. I further understand that any violation of the provisions in the Acceptable Use Policy by my child may result in suspension or revocation of his or her system access and related privileges, other disciplinary action, and possible legal action. I give my permission for my child to be permitted access to the Red Hook Central School District's computer network system and the internet.

Student Device Wireless Network Access Guidelines 22/23 School Year

The Red Hook Central School District maintains a wireless network for the purposes of augmenting its wired network for instructional use. Students wishing to connect personally-owned devices to the school's wireless network should understand the following:

1. All of the terms stated in the district's existing Acceptable Use Policy also apply to the use of personal devices on the district wireless network.
2. Connection of personal devices to the network is provided as a convenience to aid instructional activities. Acceptable devices include laptops, tablets and smartphones, but not devices such as printers, game systems or video players like a Roku, AppleTV or Chromecast. Unauthorized devices connected to the network by students will be removed from the network.
3. **The district is not responsible for loss of or damage to personal computing devices and other equipment connected to the wireless network.**
4. You are responsible for all activity associated with your account. Infractions will result in an account being suspended at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or Director of Technology. Repeated or egregious infractions may result in permanent revocation of personal-device wireless network access privileges.
5. Do not share your wireless account credentials with anyone. Sharing of personal-device account credentials with others will result in wireless access revocation.
6. Devices must be compatible with all network requirements. Network upgrades in our building may result in personal-device connection incompatibilities. The district's network will not be reconfigured nor downgraded to accommodate incompatible devices.
7. Support from the district's technology department for personal devices will be limited to "over-the-shoulder" assistance ONLY for the purpose of connecting to the wireless network.
8. Any student's personally-owned device detected as being compromised or otherwise causing trouble on the network will be disconnected from the network. Windows computers in particular must be running some form of active antivirus or preferably a more comprehensive malware protection suite.
9. Personal devices will not be allowed to connect to any internal district systems except for email and eventually SAFARI Montage. Printing, access to network file shares (My Documents), etc. will not be permitted from personally-owned devices across the wireless network.
10. District-owned software will not be installed on personally-owned devices.
11. Use of Internet-based streaming media and other high-bandwidth activities is prohibited to ensure general Internet performance. These services include, but are not limited to: Netflix, Hulu, HBO GO, ESPN Now, Pandora, Spotify and iTunes Radio.
12. The connection speeds on the personal-device portion of the network may be reduced in times of heavy use to ensure a minimum performance level of the instructional network.

Students wishing to receive a personal wireless key passcode must return a signed copy of this form to Michelle Lowney. The passcode will be sent to the student's school email. Please keep a copy of these guidelines handy for future reference.

Students Name: (Print Clearly) _____ Grade _____

_____ I give my child permission to participate in teacher-directed, online, education-related activities.

_____ I give my child permission to receive wireless network access.

Students school email: _____ **(Required)**

_____ I do **NOT** give my child permission to participate in teacher-directed, online, education-related activities.

I request that my child complete alternative assignments.

Parent Name (Print Clearly) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____