

JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parental Consent Form for Student Access to the Internet Computer Network & Student Agreement Regarding Internet Access

POSSIBLE RISKS INVOLVED IN STUDENT USE OF THE INTERNET COMPUTER NETWORK (referred to hereafter as "Internet"), INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- ▶ There is the possibility that there may be materials present or otherwise available on the Internet that some students, parents, or teachers may find controversial, offensive, objectionable, pornographic or otherwise inappropriate for minors.
- ▶ Some services available on the Internet could be considered offensive, and students must take responsibility for their own actions in navigating the network.
- ▶ It is virtually impossible to prevent students from getting to materials whose presence the school system never anticipated, while preserving the student's status as a full member of the Internet community.
- ▶ The school system policy cannot formalize precise limits upon a student's access. Rather, it is the student's responsibility to follow standards set by their parents.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN INTERNET USAGE:

- ▶ Students have a responsibility to use appropriate language when using the Internet. The school system will not tolerate a student's use of profanity or obscenity on the Internet, and the use of such inappropriate language on the Internet may result in school disciplinary action and the student losing Internet privileges.
- ▶ As community members, students must respect the rights of others in both the local community and in the Internet at large. Offensive, obscene, harassing, abusive or inflammatory language, pictures, or materials, and/or personal attacks are unacceptable uses of the Internet, and students who engage in such communications on the Internet may be subject to school disciplinary action and/or loss of Internet privileges.
- ▶ Students have the responsibility to follow copyright laws and rules, and must respect all copyright issues regarding software, information, and attributions of ownership in their exercise of Internet privileges. A student's failure to do so may result in school disciplinary action, the loss of Internet privileges, and/or prosecution under applicable state and federal law.
- ▶ Students must recognize the privacy rights of others, and refrain from re-posting personal communications without the original author's prior consent. Failure to do so may result in school disciplinary action and/or the student's loss of Internet privileges.
- ▶ Students must use the Internet only for legal activities. A student who engages in illegal activities, including but not limited to, tampering with computer hardware or software, computer piracy, hacking, unauthorized entry into computers, or knowledgeable vandalism or destruction of computer files will be subject to school disciplinary action, lose Internet privileges, and may be prosecuted for criminal violations under applicable state and/or federal law.
- ▶ Students are responsible for avoiding the knowing or inadvertent spread of computer viruses. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance by spreading computer viruses is considered criminal activity under state and federal law. A student who engages in such activity will be subject to school disciplinary action, lose Internet privileges, and may be prosecuted for criminal violations under applicable state or federal law.
- ▶ A student must accept full responsibility for usage of his or her account. A student's failure to fulfil this responsibility by giving his or her password to another may result in school disciplinary action and/or the loss of Internet privileges.
- ▶ A student must take responsibility for his or her own messages, actions and words on the Internet. Failure to fulfil these responsibilities may result in school disciplinary action and/or loss of Internet privileges.
- ▶ Students have the responsibility to display exemplary behavior when using the Internet, and must conduct themselves as representatives of both their respective schools and the community as a whole. Failure to fulfil this responsibility may result in school disciplinary action and/or loss of Internet privileges.

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I have read and understand my responsibilities in exercising the privilege of using the Internet Communications System. I agree to follow the rules and regulations of the Jefferson Parish Public School System when using the Internet, and to fulfil my responsibilities as outlined above. I understand that any violation of the school system's rules and regulations, or my failure to fulfil my responsibilities in using the Internet may result in school disciplinary action, loss of my access privilege on the Internet, and/or prosecution under applicable state and/or federal law.

Student User's Signature: _____

Date: _____

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

As the parent or guardian of the above-named student, I have read and understand the terms and conditions for my child's use of the Internet Communication System at school, and the possible risks involved in my child's use of the Internet. I have read and understand, and have discussed with my child the school system's rules and regulations, and my child's responsibilities in accessing and using the Internet. I understand that the opportunity being provided to my child to access the Internet at school is designed for educational purposes, and that the Jefferson Parish Public School System is taking reasonable precautions to eliminate materials that may be considered controversial, offensive, objectionable, pornographic or otherwise inappropriate for minors. However, I also recognize that restricting access to all such materials is impossible for the school system I will not hold the School System responsible for materials acquired by my child on or through the Internet either at school, or away from school using such knowledge and skills in accessing the Internet as my child may acquire at school.

Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____