

Appendix C: Acceptable Use Policy

Parent/Guardian Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The district would like to offer your child access to our educational computer network, including the Internet. With your permission, your child will have access to various software applications, hundreds of databases, libraries and computer services from all over the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems.

The Internet is a system, which links smaller networks creating a large and diverse network. The Internet allows students the opportunity to reach out to many other people to share information, learn concepts, and research subjects by the sending and receiving of messages using a computer, modem and phone lines.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. It is important that you and your child read the enclosed district Computer Network for Education policy, regulation and consent and waiver form and discuss these requirements together. You and your child should understand that inappropriate network use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.

As indicated in the enclosed policy and regulation, the district will attempt to discourage access to objectionable material and communications. However, in spite of our efforts to establish regulations governing use the district's computer network and student access to the Internet, a variety of inappropriate and offensive materials are available over the Internet and it may be possible for your child to access these materials inadvertently or if he/she chooses to behave irresponsibly. In addition, it is possible for undesirable or ill-intended individuals to communicate with your child over the Internet. There is no practical means for the district to prevent this from happening, and your child must take responsibility to avoid such communications if they are initiated.

I have included the above information to ensure that your decision regarding your child's access to the district's computer network and the Internet is an informed one. You must be the one to decide whether the benefits of your child having access to the district's computer network and the Internet outweigh the potential risks.

If you do not want to allow your child access to the district's computer network and the Internet, please return the enclosed consent and waiver form to me.

Sincerely,
Principal

Student Agreement

Student Name _____

School _____

Grade _____

I have read and understand the district's Computer Network for Education policy and regulations and agree to abide by their provisions.

I understand that I have no right to privacy when I use the district's computer network and the Internet, and I consent to district staff monitoring of my communications.

I further understand that any violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of my system access and related privileges, other disciplinary action, as appropriate, and possible legal action.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Depending upon the provisions of district policy and/or regulation, the student agreement may have to be renewed each academic year.

Parental/Guardian Waiver Form

I have read the district's Computer Network policy and regulation. By signing this waiver form, I request that my child NOT be afforded access to the district's computer network system and the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____