



Acceptable Use Policy Internet and E-Mail Permission Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to offer students of the Banning Unified School District access to the district computer network for electronic mail and Internet access. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parent permission and must sign and return this form. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of curriculum related resources and communicate with people throughout the world. These resources will be invaluable in your student's learning experience. 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 our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, student 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 for collaboration, 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 Banning Unified School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The following are not permitted:

- Sending, displaying, or accessing offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Intentionally damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others on academic topics. Students are responsible for their behavior and communications on those networks. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Violations of the district policy described will result in access privileges suspended or revoked as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Older students will be taught how to independently locate information appropriate to their class assignments. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for



such guidance as they access information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.



Internet and E-Mail User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

- ☐ Yes, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I have explained this to my student as indicated by his/her signature below.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

- ☐ No, as the parent or legal guardian of the student signing below, I understand that my student will use computer resources for classroom assignments, but will not access any Internet resources. I also understand that my student is responsible for following this voluntary restriction when using school computers. If there is any violation of this restriction, the school will notify me. I have explained this to my student as indicated by his/her signature below.

Parent Signature

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____