

District Technology and Acceptable Use Authorization Form

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our School District has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Students and their parents/guardians need only sign this Authorization for Electronic Network Access once while the student is enrolled in the School District.

The District filters access to materials that may be harmful to minors or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. If a filter has been disabled or malfunctions, it is impossible to control all material a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow, and the School District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. If you agree to allow your child to have an Internet account, sign the Authorization form below and return it to your school.

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Students must have a parent/guardian read and agree to the following before being granted access:

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The failure of any user to follow the terms of the District Technology and Acceptable Use Authorization Form will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

- Use of District technology resources is a privilege that may be revoked at any time
- A user has no expectation of privacy when using District technology resources
- District technology resources use may be monitored by the District and that the use may be subject to FOIA or disclosure in litigation
- District technology resources may not be used to bully, harass, or intimidate others
- A user must report any material that is threatening, harassing, or bullying
- Misuse of District technology resources may result in loss of access to the resources and potential disciplinary action
- The District does not guarantee that the District's technology resources will be error free or uninterrupted.
- A user may only access resources by using that user's assigned user name and password
- The following is considered a misuse of district technology, a user may not:
 - Disrupt the educational process of the school district through non-educational use of the device.
 - Endanger the health or safety of themselves or anyone else through the use of the device.
 - Invade the rights and privacy of others at school through the use of the device.
 - Access other user accounts or files without authorization.
 - Communicate inappropriately with students..
 - Engage in illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind through the use of District technology resources.
 - Access pornography.
 - Access or downloading unauthorized software or programs
 - Conduct personal business or activities
 - Accessing or downloading confidential student information which the person or employee has no legitimate educational need to know

I have read this District Technology and Acceptable Use Authorization form. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate material that may be harmful to minors. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via District technology resources. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the District Technology and Acceptable Use Authorization with my child. I request that my child be allowed access to the District's electronic network, including the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature Date:** _____

Students must also read and agree to the following before being granted supervised access:

I understand and will abide by the above District Technology and Acceptable Use Authorization. I understand that the District and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the Internet, including my email and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the District's electronic network, including the Internet.

Student Signature: _____ **Student Signature Date:** _____