



McHenry Elementary School District 15

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STUDENT AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNET/DISTRICT NETWORK ACCESS

Parent(s)/guardians(s) must sign the Authorization before the student will be granted supervised or unsupervised access to the Internet and the District Network. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Internet and District Network shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This Authorization does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Authorization for Internet and District Network Access will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signature(s) at the end of this document indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and accepts their significance.

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use – Access to the District's Internet and District Network must be for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District.
2. Privileges – The use of the District's Internet and District Network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of these privileges. The District Administrators will make decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this authorization and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. This decision may be appealed to the District Superintendent.
3. Unacceptable Use – The student is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving the Internet and District Network. Some examples of unacceptable use are:
 - a. Using the Internet and District Network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or State regulation;
 - b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or devirused;
 - c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
 - d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
 - e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
 - f. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or;
 - g. Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - h. Using another user's account or password;
 - i. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
 - j. Posting anonymous messages;
 - k. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
 - l. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material;
 - m. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked;
 - n. Using electronic devices to access the internet illegally. Devices include but are not limited to computers, iPods, cell phones, MP3 players, and gaming equipment.
4. Internet and District Network Etiquette – Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
 - c. Do not reveal the password, personal addresses or telephone numbers of anyone.
 - d. Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the law enforcement authorities.
 - e. Acknowledge that social media and all posted content is not confidential. The district staff maintaining the network has access to all social and collaborative media. Messages and posts relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to law enforcement authorities. Examples of media include but are not limited to wiki sites, social or collaborative networks, blogs, forums, message boards and online chat or video systems.
 - f. Do not use the Internet or District Network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.

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- g. Consider all communications and information accessible via the Internet and District Network to be private property of the district.
5. No Warranties – The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet and District Network is at your own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
 6. Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify District 15 for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of the *Authorization*.
 7. Security – The Internet and District Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet or District Network, you must notify the Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your password confidential. Attempting to logon to the Internet or District Network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
 8. Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet or District Network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
 9. Telephone Charges – District 15 is providing access to the Internet and District Network, but assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long distance charges, per-minutes surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) need only sign this *Authorization for Internet and District Network Access* once while their student is enrolled in the School District. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to sign a separate form for each child in the family. This form will be placed in the student’s temporary record and will be destroyed when the student leaves District 15.

Signature

I have read this *Authorization for Internet and District Network Access*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for District 15 to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold the District harmless for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the Internet or District Network.

I hereby request access to the Internet and District Network for my child, and thereby agree to the provisions of this *Authorization*.

I hereby deny access to the Internet for my child, but give permission for my child to utilize the district network and school computers, and thereby agree to the provisions of this *Authorization*.

Student’s Name (Please Print)

Date

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (Please Print)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature