



Internet Use Agreement

PURPOSE

We are pleased to offer students of the Valley School District access to the district computer network for the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form.

Access to the Internet will allow students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Families should be warned that some material accessible through the Internet may contain items that are illegal, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. For student protection, the Valley School District uses an Internet filtering system. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for cooperative learning, 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 Valley School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their child/children access.

DISTRICT INTERNET RULES

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in the classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often viewed by others. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students to conduct research and pursue other educational goals in accordance with approved courses and assignments. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior. It is understood that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals using network.

Network storage areas may 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 be private. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED VIOLATIONS OF THIS USE AGREEMENT

- a. Playing non-educational network intensive games
- b. Using obscene language
- c. Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- d. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- e. Violating copyright laws
- f. Using another's password
- g. Trespassing in another's folder, work or files
- h. Employing the network for commercial purposes
- i. Activities that would violate Valley School District handbook policy
- j. Failure to report known security problems
- k. Any other inappropriate use or misuse of resources. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action

USER AGREEMENT/PARENT PERMISSION

As a user of the Valley School District computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the stated rules—communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

As the parent/legal guardian of the student above, I grant ___ deny ___ permission for the student above to access the Internet.

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Please sign, date and return this agreement to the student's classroom teacher.