INSTRUCTION

Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding Student Use of the District's Electronic Networks

On District Letterhead

Date
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our School District has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources. The District's 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 Access to the District’s Electronic Networks once while the student is enrolled in the School District.

The Internet electronically connects thousands of computers throughout the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people all over the world,
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources,
- Discussion groups, and
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC).

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

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the enclosed Authorization for Access to the District’s Electronic Networks and discuss it together. 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 a Network account with Internet access, sign the Authorization form and return it to your school.

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