



North Clackamas School District

Student and Parent Notification Form

Internet and Electronic Mail Notification Form

The North Clackamas School District is pleased to offer its students access to the district computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. The Internet is a network of networks and is the communication and information medium for tomorrow. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, the parents of all students under the age of 18 must be notified and must sign and return this form to the school. Students 18 and over may sign their own form.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, however, students may find ways to access other, less desirable material as well.

We believe the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. 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 North Clackamas 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 network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access to the Internet and E-Mail is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that student 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 utilizing the 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 computers will 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. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as their children access information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

The following activities are not permitted under the District Guidelines for Access and Use of the Internet:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging, attempting to gain unauthorized access, or attempting to disrupt the operations of computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating software, video, or print copyright laws
- Using the network for personal gain, personal advertising, commercial purposes, or illegal activity
- Linking district, school, or class websites to personal websites
- Trespassing in another's folders, directories, work, or files
- Intentional spreading computer viruses

Violations may result in restriction or loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

As a user of the North Clackamas School District computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I understand* that my son or daughter will access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet for educational purposes. I also understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I share responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I have reviewed the rules under which my child can use electronic mail and the Internet.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Student _____ School _____

Grade _____ Birth date _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Telephone _____

* If you object to your child accessing and using electronic mail or the Internet, please contact your child's principal.