

TECHNOLOGY

District Electronic Network Access for Students

Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted access to the District electronic network.

Please read this document carefully before signing.

All student use of the District electronic network shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating educational resource sharing, electronic communication, and improving methods for learning and research. This authorization includes examples of rules about the District electronic network. It does not attempt to state all that may be required of users, or proscribed behavior. **The failure of any user to follow the terms and conditions of the District Electronic Network Access will result in the loss of those privileges, and shall be regarded as a violation of student disciplinary rules and the Student Code of Conduct. Student misuse of electronic networks may result in legal liability of the student and/or his or her parents.**

The purposes of providing electronic network access in the school environment is to provide access to new means to gather information, provide research experiences, and to teach responsible use of electronic networks. To that end the District reserves the right to limit access by students, and to prohibit student access to network resources, Internet files, information or sites which are not appropriate to the educational activity assigned or permitted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. *Acceptable Use* – Access to the District's electronic network must be for the support of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the school.
2. *Privileges* – The use of the District electronic network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. School personnel responsible for providing networking services and school certificated employees have the right to make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated applicable rules, and may deny, revoke, or suspend student access at any time. Such decisions are final.
3. *Unacceptable Use* – A student is personally responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the District electronic network. The Board of Education, Administration, and individual teachers may make additional rules at any time regarding student use of the District electronic network. Some examples of unacceptable uses of the District electronic network are:
 - a. Any illegal activity.
 - b. Violation of copyright, intellectual property rights, or unauthorized use of property of others.
 - c. Downloading of a file without authorization, regardless of whether the file is software or data, or whether it is copyrighted or devirused.
 - d. Using or downloading a file for a purpose other than that authorized.
 - e. Use for private financial or commercial gain.

- f. Wastefully using resources such as file space, processor time or network time, including any use that hinders, delays or obstructs others in their use of the District electronic network.
- g. Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to any resources, including but not limited to the District's computers, networks, databases, and files, or information contained therein.
- h. Invading the privacy of others.
- i. Using or attempting to use another's account or password or other identification.
- j. Posting material authored or created by another without his or her consent.
- k. Posting anonymous messages.
- l. Use for commercial or private advertising.
- m. Submitting, posting, publishing or displaying any material which is defamatory, intentionally inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive or harassing, or accessing material which is obscene, profane, or sexually oriented.
- n. Use or attempted use while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
- o. Failure to follow network security rules.
- p. Incurring telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs or other access charges without written permission of the District.
- q. Attempted or actual use, possession or creation of any computer virus or other software, or physical or electronic device intended to or capable of causing damage to any computer, network or file. Computer and network vandalism is prohibited. Vandalism is defined as any act of a user which intentionally or recklessly causes damage or attempts to cause damage to any person, entity, computer, computer component, file, or network.
- r. Use of computing facilities knowingly to disrupt the work of another student, faculty member, school official or any other person or entity.
- s. Use of computing facilities knowingly to disrupt normal operation of any computing system.
- t. Posting of messages or material under a false name, or corrupting or changing any data or material of any other person without consent.
- u. These rules may be supplemented at any time at the discretion of the District. Any supplemental rules will immediately be binding upon students.
- v. Use of the District electronic network to engage in any theft or fraud.

The above activities are unacceptable and shall result in disciplinary action which may include disciplinary measures as provided under the Argenta-Oreana School Student Code of Conduct.

4. *Network Etiquette* – While using the District electronic network, students are required to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not necessarily 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 identification, password, personal addresses, photographs, or telephone numbers of others.
 - d. Recognize that electronic communication is not private. People who operate the system have access to all such communication. Messages relating to or in support of violations of school rules may result in discipline, and those relating to illegal activities may also be reported to law enforcement authorities.
 - e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
 - f. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
5. *No Warranties* – The school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, regarding the use and availability of computers, the network, the Internet, or the accuracy, correctness, completeness or reliability of any information, files or software. The school is not responsible for any damages for any of the foregoing, including loss of data, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions, whether caused by its negligence, user errors or omissions, or other defects. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user’s own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through use of the network, or the Internet.
6. *Indemnification* – The parent or guardian, by signing below, in consideration of the District providing his/her student with electronic network access agrees to indemnify the District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of these or other School Rules by the student in using the electronic network.
7. *Security* – Network security is a high priority. If a student identifies a security problem or failure on the District electronic network, the student is required to notify the Building Principal or his/her designee. The following rules apply to network security:
- a. Students must not demonstrate any security problem or security defeating technique to any other users.
 - b. Students must keep accounts and passwords confidential. A student providing an account or a password to another, or using or attempting to use another individual’s account or password violates this rule.
 - c. Attempting to log onto or use the District electronic network using any other person’s account, password or identification is a violation of these rules.
 - d. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
8. *Telephone Charges* – The School assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs. Ordinary District electronic network access and use will incur no such charges. Any such charges are the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian signing below.
9. *Privacy* – Electronic communications and downloaded material may be monitored or read by School officials. Files stored on school-based computers may be treated like school property.

10. *Safety* – To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children’s Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.
11. *Supervision and Monitoring* – Staff members shall supervise and monitor students while students are using the District electronic network to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for District Electronic Network Access contained in these procedures.
12. Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) shall sign the *Authorization for District Electronic Network Access* annually while enrolled in the District Schools.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

The signatures of parent(s) or guardian(s) and student(s) are not required to attend District schools. Such signatures are required for use of the District electronic network, and constitute:

1. Authorization by parent(s) or guardian(s) allowing their student(s) access to the District electronic network, and
2. Agreement that the student is bound by the rules set forth in this authorization, and any other rules adopted by the school from time to time in respect to the District electronic network, and
3. Agreement by the parent(s) or guardian(s) to be bound by the terms of this authorization and agreement.

I understand and will abide by all rules contained in this *Authorization for District Electronic Network Access*, and any other rules of District electronic network use adopted from time to time. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken against me.

DATE: _____

STUDENT'S NAME (Please Print)

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

I have read this *Authorization for District Electronic Network Access*. I understand that access is designed for support of education and that the school does not authorize, and attempts to block access by students to certain material as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District and its employees and agents from any cause of action related to my child obtaining access to materials or software which are inappropriate. I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this authorization with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District Electronic Network.

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME (Please Print)

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

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Permission to Publish on the Internet

Sign only ONE section: A. gives permission, B. denies permission

A.

I give permission for my photograph, picture, and/or project to be published on the Internet. I understand that my last name will not be used with the published photograph, picture, or project. This will help ensure my privacy.

Student's printed name

Parent/guardian's printed name

Student's signature

Parent/guardian's signature

Date signed

Date signed

B.

I do NOT give permission for my photograph, picture, and/or project to be published on the Internet.

Student's printed name

Parent/guardian's printed name

Student's signature

Parent/guardian's signature

Date signed

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