

# The School Board of Gadsden County



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## **Student Form: Terms and Conditions for Use of the Internet in the Gadsden School District**

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the Gadsden County School District. We believe that the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. We believe that providing this access to the Internet will help students develop Information Skills that they will need throughout life. It will provide for unlimited resources for research and information gathering. With access, comes the availability of material that may not be considered acceptable in the context of the school setting. Even if teachers take precautions to restrict access to such materials, it is always possible that ingenious users could access controversial information. We, the Gadsden School District, believe that the valuable information far outweighs the possibility that users may find material that is not consistent with our educational purposes. End users of the Internet must adhere to strict guidelines and thereby, the Gadsden School District establishes the following guidelines for all Internet users within our organization:

**Acceptable Use** – The Internet will be used for communication, research, and collaborative work supporting the educational objectives of this school district. Transmission of the following is prohibited:

- **Copyrighted material and Material protected by trade secret**
- **Threatening or obscene material**
- **Commercial activities**
- **Political lobbying or advertisement**

**Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, NOT a right. Inappropriate use will cancel all privileges. Principals will deem what is inappropriate use and may deny users rights to access due to misuse.

**Training** – It is the responsibility of each school to ensure faculty, staff and students are trained in effective use of the Internet.

**Permission** – Parents or guardians of student must sign and return a permission form before their child can have access to the Internet on a school campus.

**Netiquette** – All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to:

- Be polite. Do not use abusive language when communicating over the Internet.
- Use appropriate language. No swearing or vulgarities
- Never reveal personal information (address, telephone, etc.)
- Remember that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private.

**Security** – Security on any network is a high priority. The Superintendent’s office must be notified if any security problem is detected. Every user must sign on to the network before accessing the Internet. He/she must use his/her assigned username and password. The use of another’s username/password is strictly prohibited.

**Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in permanent cancellation of privileges! Vandalism will include:

- Malicious attempt to harm, destroy, or change data, hardware, or software
- Uploading or creating computer viruses
- Altering desktop configuration to bypass the use of usernames/passwords
- **Attempts to “hack” into unauthorized areas of a network**

**All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to the Gadsden School District. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the existing policies of this school board.**

Parent or Guardian (If you are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Identification # \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions for Internet access. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the employees of the School board for Gadsden County will take precautions to eliminate access to material which is not of educational value. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the School Board of Gadsden County to restrict access to all such materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on this network. I hereby give permission to allow my child access to the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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