

**North Wildwood School District
ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS
NETWORK/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES
(New Board Policy)**

The Board recognizes that as telecommunications and other new technologies shift, the manner in which information is accessed, communicated and transferred will alter the nature of teaching and learning. Access to telecommunications will allow users to explore databases, libraries, Internet sites, bulletin boards and the like while exchanging information with individuals throughout the world. The Board supports access by pupils to information sources, but reserves the right to limit in-school use to materials appropriate to educational purposes. The Board directs the Superintendent to effect training of teaching staff members in skills appropriate to analyzing and evaluating such resources as to appropriateness for educational purposes.

The Board also recognizes that telecommunications will allow users access to information sources that have not been prescreened by educators using Board approved standards. The Board therefore adopts the following standards of conduct for the use of computer networks and declares unethical, unacceptable or illegal behavior as just cause for taking disciplinary action, limiting or revoking network access privileges, and/or instituting legal action.

The Board provides access to computer network/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate user access to the computer network/computers at any time, for any reason. The Board retains the right to have district personnel monitor network activity, in any form necessary, to maintain the integrity of the network and insure its proper use.

Standards for Use of Computer Networks

Any staff member or student engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer network(s)/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities, which violate federal, state, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the network.
- B. Using the computer network(s)/computers to violate copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
- C. Computer network(s) in a manner that:
 - 1. Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
 - 2. Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;

3. Uses the computing resources of the school district for commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud;
4. Steals data or other electronic files;
5. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another user;
6. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources;
7. Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
8. Posts anonymous messages for injurious purposes
9. Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes or which computer network/computers are provided.

Consent Requirement

No student shall be allowed to use the computer network and the Internet unless they have completed a parental and student consent form. The administration will take steps to properly inform elementary students of computer network responsibilities in an age appropriate fashion.

Administrative Control

The administration may monitor user activity on the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided; access any files stored by users on District computers and may monitor electronic mail sent from the District's computer network(s). When necessary, administrative monitoring activities will conform with all legal requirements and standards. Furthermore, the administration may discontinue use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access privileges and may discipline any user who violates the terms of this policy.

CONSENT AND WAIVER AGREEMENT COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS

The following Agreement must be read and signed by the student and parent or legal guardian.

By signing this Consent and Waiver Agreement I,

(Parent/Legal Guardian)

State that I/we have reviewed the rights and responsibilities contained herein and I agree to abide by the restrictions contained in this Agreement.

Further, as parent or legal guardian I am hereby advised that the Board and its employees do not have control over the information on the Internet, although the Board shall attempt to provide prudent and available barriers to objectionable material. The intention of the Board is to make the Internet available for the purpose of furthering its educational goals and objectives. The Board does not guarantee that students will not find some means to access materials not linked with those goals and objectives, because the school district provides, through connection to the Internet, access to their computer systems around the world, I understand that the Board and administrators have no control over content. While most of the content available on the Internet is innocuous and much of it a valuable educational resource, some objectionable material exists. The Board will provide student access to Internet resources only in supervised environments and has taken steps to lock out objectionable areas to the extent possible, but potential dangers remain.

The Board believes that the benefits to staff and students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration outweigh the disadvantages of access. To that end, the Board respects each family's right to determine whether or not to permit the student to use the computer network and Internet access.

Specific conditions and services on the computer network and the Internet change from time-to-time and the Board makes no warranties with respect to services and specifically assumes no responsibility for:

1. The content of any information or advice received by a student from a source outside of the school district or any costs that are incurred as a result of seeking or accepting such advice;
Any extra costs, liability or damages caused by student use of the computer network or the Internet;
2. Any extra costs, liability, or damages caused by student use of the computer network or the Internet.
3. The privacy of email.

It is the policy of the North Wildwood School District not to use student information or pictures on our website.

***In signing this Agreement.
I state that my son/daughter has fully reviewed the following
"Statement of Student Responsibilities".***

"STATEMENT OF STUDENT COMPUTER NETWORK RESPONSIBILITIES"

1. Use of the computer network and the Internet shall be for educational purposes only;
2. Use of the computer network and the Internet shall not be for illegal purposes of any kind.
3. The computer network and the Internet shall not be used to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing material in any form;
4. Students will not intentionally disrupt the computer network and Internet services;
5. Students will not attempt to gain access to any computer sites or files for which they do not have permission.
6. Students will not copy information in any form to which individuals or organizations hold copyright without specific written permission from those individuals or organizations;
7. Students will not engage in game playing on computer networks except when authorized to do so for educational purposes;
8. Students will print materials for educational purposes only to authorized printers;
9. Students will not engage in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer networks/computers are provided.

The Agreement granting the student access to the school district computer network and the Internet must be signed by the student and a parent or legal guardian.

It is understood and acknowledged that the administration may monitor pupil activities on the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access provided; access any files stored by pupils either on district computers or at a remote site that may be accessed by district computer; and may monitor electronic mail sent from the district's computer network(s). When necessary, administrative monitoring activities will conform to all legal requirements and standards. It is further understood and acknowledged that the administration may discontinue use of the district's computer network(s) and the Internet access privileges and may discipline any pupil who violates the terms of this agreement.

Student Name: _____
(Print)

School/Grade: _____