

Readington Township Public Schools

Student Network/Internet Agreement and Permission Form

Introduction

Readington Township Public Schools is pleased to offer our students access to the district's computer network resources and the Internet. The district offers electronic mail to students in grades 6-8 for internal use only. To use these resources, students and their parents/guardians must sign and return the attached form. Please read this document carefully, review its contents with your student, sign where appropriate and return Page 3 to the school. Keep this page for your records. Any questions or concerns about this permission form or any aspect of the computer network should be referred to the school's building administrator(s).

General Network Use

The network is provided for students to conduct research, complete assignments, and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Access is a privilege - not a right. As such, general school rules for behavior and communications apply, and users must comply with district standards and 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 are similar to school lockers. School Building and Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that the system is used responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Internet / World Wide Web / E-mail Access

Access to the Internet, and email when appropriate, will enable students to use thousands of libraries and databases. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering software is in use, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. Readington Township Public Schools believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the 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.

Publishing to the World Wide Web

Student work may be considered for publication on the World Wide Web, specifically on his/her school's web site. Such publishing requires additional parent/guardian permission. The work will appear with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of

such work without express written permission. In the event anyone requests such permission, those requests will be forwarded to the student's parent/guardian.

Readington Township Public Schools Student Network/Internet Agreement and Permission Form

Student Responsibilities

To use networked resources, **all students and parents/guardians must sign and return page 3.**

As a user of computers in the Readington Township School District, I understand that:

- I will receive a finite amount of storage space on the network to be used and managed by me
- I will not use the school computer network for non-academic game playing and/or "surfing"
- I will download files from the Internet for educational purposes only. If necessary, I will request permission from my teacher
- I will request permission prior to printing to any school printer
- I will not play music videos, radio stations, or movies on the Internet unless related to educational projects
- I will not use chat software or social networking software unless for educational purposes which will be directed and supervised by my teacher

Students are not permitted to:

- Use others' passwords or share their passwords with others
- Damage or modify computers, operating systems or computer networks
- Send or display offensive messages or pictures
- Use obscene language
- Give personal information, such as complete name, phone number, address, or photo
- Harass, insult or attack others, or engage in cyber bullying
- Violate copyright/fair use laws
- Access others' folders or files without express permission
- Use collaborative workspaces to destroy the work of others or inappropriately share information
- Intentionally waste limited resources
- Employ the network for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud
- Intentionally try to bypass security software/hardware, including, but not limited to, Proxy Servers, Internet Filtering Applications, and Antivirus Applications

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Acceptable Use Policy may include one or all of the following:

- revoking of my access privileges to the Readington Educational Network
- school disciplinary actions including detention, suspension, and/or expulsion

- legal action, including criminal prosecution
- reimbursement of expenses

Student User Agreement:

As a user of the Readington Township Public Schools computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the statements and expectations outlined in this document and to honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Printed Name _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:

All students are provided with access to district computer resources. In addition to accessing our district computer network, as the parent or legal guardian, I grant permission for the above named student to access the internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use -- setting and conveying standards for my student to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

_____ (initials) By initialing here, I also permit the above named student to have their materials published to the World Wide Web on the district website.

These permissions are granted for an indefinite period of time, unless otherwise requested.