



## District Network Acceptable Use Policy *Student Agreement*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to offer students in the Atlantic City Schools access to the District computer network for electronic mail and Internet access. To obtain e-mail and Internet access, all students must obtain signed parental permission and return this form to the school.

Please be aware that students could encounter material that may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive. Our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives. We believe the benefits from Internet access far exceed any disadvantages. Atlantic City Schools are also in compliance with the laws and regulations under the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Access is a privilege, not a right. Access assumes ethical and responsible usage as described below. Therefore, parents and guardians should set the standards that their children should follow when using District resources and equipment. To that end, the Atlantic City Schools will support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### **District Internet and E-Mail Rights and Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. 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.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. Users must comply with District standards and honor the agreements they have signed. 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 servers would always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide students toward appropriate materials.

The following are not permitted:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Trespassing in another's folders, work or files  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, threatening, or disrespectful language | <input type="checkbox"/> Employing the network for commercial purposes    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harassing, insulting, or attacking others  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deliberate damage to hardware or software        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violating copyright laws or plagiarism   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of District computers for illegal activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using another's password   |   |

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



## User Agreement/Parent Permission Student Form

Atlantic City Schools are not liable for any harm or injury that a user may suffer as a consequence of any inaccurate information the user may obtain through the Internet and/or Electronic Mail Services. By entering into this User Agreement, the user agrees to be bound by this release of liability and waives any and all rights to assert claims, which may arise due to the use of these electronic services.

As a user of the Atlantic City Schools computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the rules stated under the District Internet and E-Mail Rights and Responsibilities, while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions. I understand that if I violate rules, my access can be terminated and I may face other appropriate, disciplinary measures. I further understand that any files, electronic mail, and other information on the district's network or on the district's equipment is subject to search at any time, and that I retain no rights of privacy or ownership in that information, regardless of any personal password I may have.

Please print or type the information below.

### STUDENT

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my student to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I recognize it is impossible for Atlantic City Schools to restrict access to all controversial materials. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet and to publish information on web pages (except for home addresses and phone numbers) and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. This permission shall be in effect as long as this student is enrolled in the Atlantic City Schools. I may at any time revoke this permission by notifying the student's school in writing. I understand that if my child violates the rules, the access may be terminated and my child may face other appropriate, disciplinary measures. I further understand that any files, electronic mail and other information on the district's network or on the district's equipment is subject to search at any time, and that neither I nor my child retain rights of privacy or ownership in that information, regardless of any personal password I or my child may have. I hereby release the district, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of or ability to use, the district's system, including, but not limited to, claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the systems to purchase products or services or exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people. I understand that I can be held liable for damages caused by my child's intentional misuse of the system.

### PARENT or GUARDIAN

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

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

## **HOMEROOM TEACHER**

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to discuss this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student's use of the network. As sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_