

## Harding Township School District Network Access Agreement

The following procedures are intended to prevent the improper use of electronic communications systems by Harding Township students. This network agreement is intended to inform parents and students and to protect the district from liability. It outlines the rules for using the local area network and the Internet in the Harding Township School. The cost and sensitivity of computer equipment, as well as the unregulated nature of material which may be found on the Internet, require the Harding Township School District to establish guidelines for usage which must be understood by all parents and students.

To Students and Parents/Guardians:

Please read the following carefully before signing and returning this document. This agreement must be signed before access will be given to the district's electronic network account. The Internet is an electronic highway providing users with access to worldwide information. Access to computers and people all over the world makes available some material which has no educational value within the context of our schools. The Harding Township School District will take reasonable precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials.

The following terms and conditions describe the responsibilities you will acquire by using Harding Township's electronic communications systems. Violations of any of these provisions, which are based on board policy, may result in the user being denied access to the district's Internet account. Your signature at the end of this agreement indicates that the parties who have signed, read the terms and conditions, and understand them.

### Terms and Conditions

- I. District Acceptable Use Policy: Internet service is provided through the district system to afford students the opportunity to access information and utilize resources from global information sources. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.
  - A. Personal Safety: Users may not post personal contact information about themselves or others. All interactions and information by way of the network should be treated as private property.
  - B. Illegal Activity: Users may not use the system for illegal activities or to gain unauthorized access to this or any other system. Transmission of any material in violation of policy, regulation, or law is prohibited.
  - C. Inappropriate Language: Appropriate language must be used in all public messages, private messages, and materials posted on the Web. Profanity, personal attacks, or harassment will not be tolerated.
  - D. Resource Limits: The system may only be used for educational activities. Use for commercial activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited.
  - E. Limitation of Liability: The district will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruption of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the network. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through unauthorized use of the system.
- II. Vandalism: Vandalism will result in disciplinary action including liability for any damage caused.
- III. Network Administration: Network administrators may review files and will routinely maintain and monitor the systems. Users should be aware that their files are not private.

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#### Student Section

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to abide by district policy and the terms of this agreement. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

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

#### Parent/Guardian Section

I/we have read this agreement and District's Electronic Communications Policy.

I/we 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 inability to use, the District's system, including, but not limited to, claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

I/we will instruct my child regarding any restrictions against accessing materials that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the District Acceptable Use Policy. I will emphasize to my child the importance and necessity of following the rules of personal safety.

I/we give permission for my child to access the Internet.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please Note: The District Electronic Communications Policy no. 5516 is available upon request or on the school website:  
Our District → District Policies and Procedures → Pupils.