

COMPUTER/INTERNET USE AGREEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

The Internet

The School District of Springfield R-12 ("District") is pleased to offer its students access to the Internet through the District's computer system. The Internet is a worldwide communications network through which students may communicate with other Internet users through textual, graphic, and audio transmission. To gain access to the Internet through the District's computer system, a student must sign and submit this Internet User Agreement, Waiver, and Release. All students under the age of 18 must also obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian.

In addition to enabling direct communication between users, access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards which exist on computer servers around the world. The District's sole intent in providing access to the Internet is to further educational goals and objectives. **Students and parents are warned that users may, either intentionally or unintentionally, access textual, graphic, and/or auditory information which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, and otherwise offensive to the user or others.** Access to the above material is strictly prohibited by this Agreement. The District is taking action to prevent students and staff access to the above-mentioned material, including the use of blocking software. However, because of the changing nature of information on the Internet, it is impossible for the District to completely prevent access to such material. It is therefore the responsibility of students and parents to set appropriate standards concerning the access and use of material contained on the Internet. The District respects the right of each student and parent to decide whether or not the student will be permitted to access the Internet. In order for the student to use the Internet access provided by the District, the parents and student must sign this Internet Use Agreement, Waiver, and Release (herein "Agreement"). This agreement will be valid as long as the student is enrolled at this school.

Conditions and Rules of Use

Access to the Internet through the District's computer system is not a right, it is a privilege. Accordingly, all users must comply with the following conditions and rules of use:

1. Users shall not access, view, transfer, or store any material in any form which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to others;
2. Users who unintentionally access such material shall immediately terminate such access;
3. Users shall not harass, insult, or attack others;
4. Users shall not damage computers, computer systems, computer networks, or computer data;
5. Users shall not use another user's password;
6. Users shall not trespass in the folders, work, files, or data of others;
7. Users shall not intentionally waste user time and resources;
8. Users shall not use Internet access for any commercial activity;
9. Users shall not use Internet access for political lobbying;
10. Users shall abide by all federal, state, or local laws;
11. Users shall not use Internet access for non-academic activities when other users require the system for academic purposes.
12. Users shall not enter into non-educational chat rooms on the Internet.
13. Additional information regarding computer usage by students including discipline consequences can be found in the Springfield School District Student Handbook.

Violation of any of the foregoing conditions and rules of use shall be grounds for immediate termination of Internet access privileges and may result in disciplinary action.

The District reserves the right to review all data stored on the District's computer system in order to enforce the above conditions and rules of use. Users should not expect that files stored on District servers will be private or confidential.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I hereby consent to the above conditions and rules of use. **I understand that the Internet contains material, which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, and otherwise offensive to some people.** I understand that it is impossible for the District to completely prevent access to such material. By signing this Agreement, I agree I will take no legal action, now or in the future, against the District, its Board of Education, officers, administrators, teachers, employees, agents, and volunteers ("District") caused by, or resulting from my access to the Internet. I hereby release the District from any liability, whatsoever which may arise as a direct or indirect result of my access to the Internet. I understand that I am responsible for any updating of status from my original status and for informing the school of any change of parental/guardian Internet permission.

Student Signature

Date

Check One:

- I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named student ("Student"). I hereby grant permission for Student to access the school computers and Internet. **I understand that the Internet contains material, which is pornographic, sexually explicit, illegal, defamatory, and otherwise offensive to some people.** I understand that it is impossible for the District to completely prevent access to such material. By signing this Agreement, I agree I will take no legal action, now or in the future, against the District, its Board of Education, officers, administrators, teachers, employees, agents, and volunteers ("District") caused by, or resulting from Student's access to the Internet. I hereby release the District from any liability, whatsoever which may arise as a direct or indirect result of Student's access to the Internet.
- I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named student ("Student"). I hereby grant permission for Student to access the school district's computers only. Permission is NOT granted for my student to access the Internet

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

DATE

Name of Student (Print)

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