

# Internet User Agreement, Electronic Communication & Parent Permission Form

*Alexandria Public Schools is pleased to offer its students access to the district's computer network, Internet systems, including electronic communications. To use these systems, all students under age 18 must obtain parent/guardian permission and must sign and return this form to their media specialist. Students 18 and older may sign their own forms. This parent/guardian permission is required at Kindergarten entrance, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and all new students registering in Alexandria Public Schools. This will be in effect as long as the student is enrolled in Alexandria Public Schools. This privilege may be revoked at any time with written notice.*

Alexandria Public Schools considers its stated educational mission and goals when making decisions regarding user access to networked resources. Telecommunications, electronic information sources, and networked services increase information resources to students by opening up classrooms, libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources around the world. Providing students access to these networked resources confirms the district's commitment to providing excellent educational opportunities for our students.

- **The district's staff** blends the thoughtful use of these information resources into their curriculums and provides guidance and instruction to students in their use. They also monitor students in the use of these resources.
- **Students** needing access to Internet through the district network resources must have staff permission and parents' permission, which is given by signing the back of this form. Until the form is signed, the student will be allowed to participate only in classroom Internet activities with direct staff supervision.

Students' on-line behavior will be governed by the five standards adopted in the district's Code of Conduct – respect, honesty, kindness, responsibility, and fairness. Students not demonstrating these behaviors will be dealt with according to the Districtwide Discipline and Acceptable Use of Networked Information Resources Policies, which are enforced by teachers and building and district administrators. The acceptable use policy establishes the framework for responsible, considerate and ethical use of the District's network resources by students. Any violation of the guidelines included in this policy could result in disciplinary action in accordance with the District Discipline Policy.

Students **may not use** the school district's networked resources to:

- Gain or use unauthorized programs/methods to bypass firewall and security measures.
  - Store or use unauthorized programs and or files on the district's network/computer resources.  
(Examples, but not limited to: .bat, .exe)
  - Gain unauthorized or inappropriate access to the district's technology resources.
  - Interfere with student's/staff's ability to use the district's technology resources.
  - Gain unauthorized access to another student's/staff's work.
  - Distribute any materials that might congest the voice, video, and data networks.
  - Access, distribute, or collect obscene, abusive, or threatening material.
  - Promote commercial, political, or profit-making enterprises.
- **Parents** authorizing their students to use the district's technology resources should know that Alexandria Public Schools complies with all federal and state laws regarding student use of the Internet. The district does take measures to block access to inappropriate sites. The district also maintains control over materials and files stored within the networked system; these materials and files, as well as electronic communications sent via district computers, are not private.

***Permission forms are on the back.***

***Students and parents/guardians must sign and return this form to their child's media specialist before the student can use the district's Internet resources, have communications and information shared via email or his/her works can be published on the district's Web site.***

**Please sign this Permission Form and return to your school.**

**Please Print:**

Student's Name, including middle initial:

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Student's Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: Kindergarten

Student's Advisor/Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Permission:**

Must be signed for student access to the district's technology resources:

*As a user of Alexandria Public Schools computer network, I agree to comply with the district's rules, modeling the Code of Conduct behaviors in all of my on-line communications and avoiding the restrictions listed on this permission form. I understand that, if I commit a violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary and/or legal action may be taken.*

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ *N/A* \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Permission:**

Must be signed for student to access the district's technology resources, communicate via email and to publish student photos/works on the district's website:

*By signing this agreement, I grant permission for my child to access the district's networked computer services, the Internet, including electronic communications. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I also agree to guide my child on the use of networked resources, setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.*

*I request that my child's teachers, counselors, and administrators share school communication, including data private information, through electronic communications. I understand that the sharing of this data may not be secure when sent electronically and I approve the school's use electronic communications to communicate.*

*I also grant permission for the school to publish my child's photo and/or projects and schoolwork on the district's website. Student's first names only will be used when their works or photos are published.*

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