

## **Student Authorization for Electronic Network Access**

*This form accompanies Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks.*

Our School District has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of the District's electronic networks, including its computers, local and/or wide area networks, and the Internet. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Students and their parents/guardians need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* once while the student is enrolled in the School District, though updated *Authorizations* may be required to incorporate changes in the terms of use.

The District filters access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. However, it is impossible to guarantee the filtering of all such material, and it is possible that a user may gain access to inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child/ward should follow, and the School District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize their student's access to the District's electronic networks, including the Internet.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The inappropriate use of the District's electronic network, as defined in the School Board's *Access to Electronic Networks* Policy and its administrative procedures and implementing rules and regulations, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource or other disciplinary action. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. If you agree to allow your child to have access to the District's electronic network, including Internet access, sign the *Authorization* form below and return it to your school.

## **Parent Authorization**

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of Board Policy 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks; Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks; or any rules or regulations promulgated by the Superintendent or his/her designee will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

I have read and accept the District's *Access to Electronic Networks* policy, its implementing administrative procedures, entitled *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks*, and any other rules or regulations promulgated by the Superintendent or his/her designee. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize and agree that it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials and that my child might access objectionable material through the District's electronic networks. I understand that any unacceptable use of the electronic networks is grounds for suspending or revoking network privileges and may result in discipline, up to and including expulsion from school, as well as criminal or civil penalties.

In addition, I agree to indemnify the District for any losses, costs, damages, charges, or fees caused or incurred by my child relating to or arising out of my child's use of the District's electronic networks or any violation of the policy, procedures, rules, or other terms or conditions of electronic network access. In consideration for my child's access to the electronic network, I hereby release the District and its individual Board members, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns

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from any claims and damages arising out of or related to my child's use of, or inability to use, the electronic network.

I have discussed the terms of the *Access to Electronic Networks* policy and procedures with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's electronic network, including the Internet.

### **Student Authorization**

#### **Students must read and agree to the following before being granted access:**

I have read, or have had explained to me, the Policy and procedures regarding the use of the District's electronic networks. I will follow these rules when I use the electronic networks, and I understand that I can be disciplined if I don't. Discipline may include loss of electronic network use privileges, detention, suspension, expulsion, or other consequences. I understand that any information or documents I create or place on the network, including email, belong to the School District and may be looked at by District employees or others at any time, and that such information or documents will not be private in any way. I understand that if I misuse the electronic network or cause harm to the network or anyone else or their information or documents, not only might I be disciplined, but my parents/guardians and I will be responsible for paying for the misuse or damage.