

POLICY

The Internet, also called the “Electronic Information Superhighway”, “Worldwide Web”, or “Surfing the Net”, is a vast source of educational, practical, and useful information. The amount of information accessible at the touch of a button is almost incomprehensible. Sad to say, this technology has been abused. Some Web sites on the Internet are inappropriate due to immoral content such as sex, violence, drugs, and cults. Because of the good, useful information available, we do not want to “throw out the baby with the bathwater.” In other words, we do not want to ban all Internet usage because the possibility exists that students may access inappropriate information.

As a guard against accessing Web sites that have been determined to be inappropriate, a security software package has been installed. It is designed to screen out sites based on words in the site address. ***It is not foolproof. There is no guarantee that all inappropriate sites can be blocked.*** Teacher supervision will also be implemented as much as possible. Even so, student discretion is still needed.

Parents, please discuss this information with your child. Your permission is needed to allow your child to use the Internet in the computer lab.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the terms set forth in this agreement regarding my access and privileges of Internet usage. I understand that any violation of this agreement will terminate my privilege of accessing the Internet for the remainder of this school year.

Student signature _____ Date _____