

Student Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Prior to a student being permitted to use the Schools' electronic network, these Authorization Forms must be signed and returned to the respective Director.

Dear Parents:

The Schools have the ability to enhance students' education through the use of the electronic network, including its computers, local and 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 need only sign this Authorization Form once while the student is enrolled in the Schools, though updated Authorization Forms may be required to incorporate changes in the terms of use.

The Schools filter 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 are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their student should follow, and the Schools respect each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize their student's access to the electronic network, including the Internet.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The inappropriate use of the electronic network, as defined in the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy (Board Policy 5.1) and any other rules promulgated by the Directors or designees, may result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action. Parents are legally responsible for their student's actions.

To permit a student access to the electronic network, including the Internet, the student and the student's parent must sign the Authorization Forms below and return them to the respective Director.

Parent Authorization

Students must have a parent read and agree to the following before being granted unsupervised access:

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the Schools' goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy (Board Policy 5.1) and any other rules promulgated by the Directors or designees will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and 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 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy and any other rules promulgated by the Directors or designees. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the Schools have taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize and agree that it is impossible for the Schools to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials and that my student(s) might access objectionable material through the electronic network. I understand that any unacceptable use of the electronic network 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 Schools for any losses, costs, damages, charges, or fees caused or incurred by my student(s) relating to or arising out of my student(s)' use of the electronic network or any violation of the policy, procedures, rules, or other terms or conditions of electronic network access. In consideration for my student(s)' access to the electronic network, I hereby release the Schools and the individual Board members, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from any claims and damages arising out of or related to my student(s)' use of, or inability to use, the electronic network, including the Internet.

I have discussed the terms of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy with my student(s). I hereby request that my student(s) be allowed access to the electronic network, including the Internet.

Parent Name *(please print)*

Parent Signature

Date

Student Authorization

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

I have read, or have had explained to me, the policies and procedures regarding the use of the electronic network. I will follow these rules when I use the electronic network, including the Internet, and I understand that I can be disciplined if I do not. Discipline may include loss of electronic network and Internet use privileges, detention, suspension, expulsion, or other consequences, including legal action. I understand that any information or documents I create or place on the network, including email, belong to the Schools and may be looked at by employees of the Schools 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 and I will be responsible for paying for the misuse or damage.

Student Name *(please print)*

Student Signature

Date