

## Ohio School District 17 & 505

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

The Internet electronically connects thousands of computers throughout the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people all over the world,
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources,
- Discussion groups, and
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC).

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the enclosed Student Acceptable Use for Electronic Networks and discuss it together. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. The District takes precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. On an unregulated network, however, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

Please read and discuss the *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks* with your child. If you agree to allow your child to have an Internet account, sign the *Authorization* form and return it to school.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin the new school year and to inform you about some of the ways we continue to enhance education, communication and learning.

Our school will be using social media and online web based interactive technology (e.g., twitter, Facebook, blogs) in our classrooms in connection with lessons and assignments and to facilitate communication with teachers and other students about school matters. Teachers will continue to educate your children about the importance of safe, responsible, and appropriate online behavior.

We ask you to work with us in reinforcing this at home. Please refer to the District's' Internet Acceptable Use Policy which can be found in the student handbook.

If you do not want your child to participate in such activities, please complete the information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Authorization of Acceptable Use of Electronic Network

**User Signature of Agreement:**

I understand any violations to the Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks procedure, when using the district electronic information resources, may result in the loss of my user account and in disciplinary and/or legal action. I therefore agree to maintain required standards and to report any misuse of the electronic information resources to a systems administrator.

I also agree to fully disclose to my teacher/administrator all Internet/Intranet publishing activities on school network systems and web servers. I understand that files, documents, projects and information stored on my network storage location will be deleted annually and any attempt to keep or save completed work is the sole responsibility of the student at the time of completing work.

Misuse may include, but is not limited to: any messages, information or graphics sent or intentionally received that include/suggest pornography; unethical or illegal solicitation; racism; sexism; inappropriate language; and other listings as described in the Student Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks procedure.

*I have read the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks section of the Student Handbook and understand that Internet sites are filtered and that my district electronic information resource accounts, files, email, and telephony resources may be monitored or reviewed. I hereby agree to comply with the above described conditions of acceptable use.*

**UserName (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**User Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature of Agreement:**

*I have read and fully understand the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks section of the Student Handbook. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the district, its employees, agents, or Board of Education, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via district networks. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this Student Authorization of Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Agreement with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's computer hardware, software and networked computer services, such as electronic mail and the Internet, unless otherwise stipulated.*

**Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

