

# Student Internet Use Permission Form

Please print or type

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Middle

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Zip Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that access to the Internet through the Durham Public Schools is a privilege that is to be used for educational purposes. I agree to abide by the Durham Public Schools Internet Acceptable Use policy and Section 9 of the Student Conduct policy (Policy 4301). I understand that any violation of these policies is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit a violation of these policies, my access privileges will be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. Since all files are on a public network and on equipment provided by the school system, I understand that they are subject to examination and review at any time.

I have read and understand the Durham Public Schools guidelines for use of the Internet and Electronic Mail, and I agree to abide by them.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Durham Public Schools Internet Guidelines for User Accounts. I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes only. In addition, I have discussed appropriate and inappropriate use of the computer network with my son/daughter. I understand that there are text and graphic files available on the Internet which are inappropriate for minors and that the network administrators cannot monitor all use. While the schools will monitor students' usage of the network, my son/daughter is ultimately responsible for his/her actions, and the school will not be held responsible for materials which my son/daughter might access.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student # \_\_\_\_\_

(Account #) \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Password (5-8 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

## Internet Guidelines for User Accounts

Durham Public Schools offers students access to the Internet via the district computer network. The Internet is an extremely valuable educational tool which allows students access to material from millions of databases and libraries from all corners of the world. In Durham Public Schools, our intent is to use this access to achieve educational objectives for your student. Parents, however, should be aware some sites may include illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive material. In accordance with federal law, appropriate measures, including the use of Internet filters and the monitoring of students' online activities, will be taken in an effort to block language and visual depictions that are obscene, offensive, lewd or pornographic and lacking serious literary, artistic, political or scientific values with respect to minors.

The Board of Education believes that Internet access brings benefits to the educational program that exceed any disadvantage. Ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using any media and information sources, including the Internet. Durham Public Schools respects each family's right to decide whether to permit a student to apply for Internet access.

To gain Internet access, all users must sign an Acceptable Use Agreement indicating their understanding of and agreement to abide by Board policy. Students under the age of 18 must also obtain parental permission. Agreements shall be returned to the school's Media Specialist.

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### Guidelines and Responsibilities

- Internet access is available to DPS students and staff for educational purposes.
- Users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in any other school-sponsored activity. Use of these resources in violation of Board policy may result in loss of access, disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.
- Access to the Internet is a privilege - not a right. This privilege entails responsibility on the part of the users.
- Users accept the responsibility for all material received and/or stored in their user accounts.
- Users should not expect that files stored on school system servers and workstations will be private. The school system may monitor access to equipment, networking structures and systems, and all data stored or transmitted on school computers in order to ensure the security and performance of its equipment, systems, and networks and to enforce applicable laws and policies.
- Users will not download or copy copyrighted software, inappropriate text and graphic files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network. Users will not copy or download any other software or files without permission.
- Users have the responsibility to report inappropriate use of the network and violations of privacy by others to the Network Account Manager.
- Users will not employ the network for commercial purposes.
- Users will not use a computer account, ID, or password other than their own.
- Users will not use electronic mail to harass, threaten, or attack others including, but not limited to, the use of vulgar or offensive language, images, and terms.
- Users will not send chain letters over the network or "broadcast" messages to lists or individuals which would cause congestion of the network or otherwise interfere with the work of others.
- Users will not intentionally access, produce, post, send, display, and/or retrieve sexually explicit, vulgar, obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate materials.
- Users will not damage or alter computers, computer systems, or computing networks.
- Users will not access chat rooms, e-mail, list-servs or other electronic communication methods without permission to do so as part of a class activity or assignment.
- Users will not disclose, use, or disseminate personally identifiable information without permission to do so as part of a class activity or assignment.
- Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access (i.e., hacking) into any network, system, program, account, etc.