

Reading Schools Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (2007/08)

To access email and/or the internet at school, students under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain parent/guardian permission and must sign and return this form. Students eighteen (18) and over may sign their own forms.

Use of the internet is a privilege not a right. The Board’s internet connection is provided for educational purposes only. Unauthorized and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of this privilege.

The Board has implemented technology protection measures which block/filter internet access to visual displays that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. The Board also monitors online activity of students in an effort to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that determined users may be able to gain access to information, communication and/or services on the internet which the Board of Education has not authorized for educational purposes and/or which they and/or their parents/guardians inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Parents/Guardians assume this risk by consenting to allow their students to participate in the use of the internet. Student’s accessing the internet through the school’s computers assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the internet.

The Board has the right to monitor, review and inspect any directories, files and/or messages residing on or sent using the Board’s computers/networks. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Please complete the following information: (more on reverse side of this sheet)

Student Users Full Name (please print): _____

School (building): _____ Grade: _____ Graduation Yr: _____

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Reading Schools Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy, and I have discussed them with my child. I understand that student access to the internet is designed for educational purposes and that the board has taken available precautions to restrict and/or control student access to material on the internet that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, I recognize that is impossible for the Board to restrict access to all objectionable and/or controversial materials that may be found on the internet. I will not hold the Board (or any of its employees, administrators or officers) responsible for materials my child may acquire or come in contact with while on the internet. Additionally, I accept responsibility for communicating to my child guidance concerning his/her acceptable use of the internet - i.e. setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and resources in the internet. I further understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations.

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Please fill out this side completely – your student will not be given rights to computer use without complete forms.

Parent

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student

I have read and agree to abide by the Reading Schools Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense. As a user of the Board's computers/network and the internet, I agree to communicate over the internet and the network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines.

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please fill in a student password below, passwords must be at least 6 characters long and should be kept private. Inappropriate passwords will not be accepted and may further delay your account activation. Using another students account is forbidden and will be grounds for loss of computer/network privileges.

Password: _____

Username: _____ (to be filled out by office personnel)

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what unauthorized or inappropriate use is. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to the network/internet to individuals who violate the Reading Schools Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy and related guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.