



Appropriate and Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use Permission Form

2009 – 2010 School Year

Newpoint Bay is pleased to provide computer, network, and Internet access for students and teachers. The Internet is a privilege and increasingly essential to a learning style that offers new freedoms and demands new responsibilities. To gain access to our network and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain permission and must sign and return the attached form to the school's office.

Connecting to the Internet will benefit students by making fascinating resources from all over the world available. Connection to the Internet brings instantaneous information, images, and sounds into the classroom from places around the globe. Access to these resources can involve students in individual group projects, cross-cultural communication, and idea sharing not found in schools of the past. Additionally, Newpoint's primary curriculum, APEX, is accessed through the Internet. This access is being provided to your child for educational purposes established within existing curriculum and will be supervised by staff members.

Parents and guardians need to be aware that a relatively small portion of the information available on the Internet may contain inaccurate, obscene, offensive, or illegal material. Newpoint Schools does not condone the use of such materials and will not allow the use of such materials in school. Newpoint has included filtering and blocks on the network that prevent students from accessing such areas. The staff members continually supervise student Internet access. Despite these measures, it is impossible to restrict access to every controversial item. The Newpoint staff will discuss with the students how to make good choices about the areas they access on the internet. Included here is a copy of the Newpoint Appropriate And Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use Policy. Please read it thoroughly and discuss it with you child. We ask for your assistance in developing responsible attitudes, reinforcing appropriate behaviors, and observing safe practices on the computer network that is available.

APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE COMPUTER, NETWORK, AND INTERNET USE

Computers and Computer Networks

Access to school computer systems and the Internet is provided for school purposes for students and staff as an educational or work related resource. For students, parents' permission is required to use the Internet. Access is a privilege, not a right, and that access requires responsibility. Computer storage areas and flash drives will be treated like school areas. Administrators, or their designees, may review files and communications (including electronic mail) to insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on servers or drives will always be private. Users should also understand that school servers regularly record Internet activity in log files that are available to the public under RSA 91-A: Access to Public Records and Meetings.



Activities not permitted include, but are not limited to:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
2. Using obscene language;
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others;
4. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks;
5. Violating copyright laws;
6. Using others' passwords;
7. Trespassing in others' folders, work or files;
8. Intentionally wasting limited resources;
9. Conducting business related activities.

Electronic Mail Guidelines

The content of electronic mail is not secure. Newpoint reserves the right to monitor student and/or staff email as deemed necessary. Users must not disclose confidential information in electronic mail messages.

Access to Internet by Students

Students accessing Internet services provided by Newpoint shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. Students shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational purposes.
2. Students shall not use technology or Internet resources to engage in hacking or attempts to otherwise compromise any computer or network system's security.
3. Students shall not engage in any illegal activities on the Internet.
4. Students should use electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communications only for purposes related to education within the context of a school-related assignment activity.
5. Students shall not disclose personal identification information on the Internet.

Publishing Guidelines

Students will be allowed to produce materials for electronic publication on Newpoint servers for educational purposes. Newpoint administration, teachers, and staff will monitor these materials to ensure compliance with content standards. The content of student materials is constrained by the following restrictions:

1. No personal information about a student will be allowed. This includes telephone numbers and addresses.
2. Individuals in pictures, movies, sound recordings, or student work may be identified only by their first name.
3. No text, image, movie, sound recording, or student work that contains pornography, profanity, obscenity, or language that offends or degrades others will be allowed.

Policy Violations

Newpoint reserves the right to refuse access to the Internet to anyone when it deems it necessary. Additional disciplinary action may be added in line with existing practice on inappropriate language or behavior. When applicable, police or local authorities may be involved.



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Students: Please sign to acknowledge that you will abide by the rules and guidelines described in the Appropriate and Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use policy.

Parents/Guardians: Please sign to acknowledge that you have reviewed the Appropriate and Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use with your child.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____