

Network/Internet User Agreement



North Cedar Community Schools Network/Internet User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Introduction

We are pleased to offer authorized users of the North Cedar Community Schools access to the districts computer network resources, email, and the Internet. In order to use these resources, all users must sign and return this form, and must obtain parental permission. Parents, please read and complete this document carefully, review its contents with your son/daughter, and sign and initial where appropriate. Any questions or concerns about this permission form or any aspect of the computer network should be referred to your District Technology Coordinator.

General Network Use

The network is provided for authorized users to conduct research, complete assignments, and communicate with others for educational purposes. Access to network services is given to users who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Authorized users are responsible for good behavior on school computers and network just as they are in the classroom.

Internet / World Wide Web Access

The Internet and World Wide Web will enable users to access thousands of libraries, websites and databases. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, users may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering software is in use, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of inappropriate material on the Internet.

Publishing to the World Wide Web

Parents, your child's work may be considered for publication on the World Wide Web, specifically on the districts website. Such publishing requires parent/guardian permission. A student will be referenced by his/her first name.

Limited Expectation of Privacy

Users should expect only limited privacy in the contents of personal files and folders on the system. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrations will review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Files stored on the districts servers should not be considered private. An individual investigation or search will be conducted if school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law or school district policy.

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In order to use the networked resources, all users must sign and return this form, and students must obtain parental permission. By signing this form users agree NOT to do the following:

Unacceptable Uses

- ◆ Harass, bully or insult or attack other users.
- ◆ **Access, upload, review, download, save, print, post or distribute any of the following:**
 - Pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit materials;
 - Materials that use language or images that are inappropriate to the educational setting.
 - Materials that can use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.
 - Knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person, organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- ◆ Violate copyright laws, or software license agreements, or to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation. Including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer.
- ◆ Employing the network for commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud.
- ◆ Use other user's passwords and or trespass into others' folders, work or files.
- ◆ **Intentionally waste limited network resources –this would include downloading music, games, videos or software.**
- ◆ Engage in any activities deemed inappropriate by school authorities or engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state or federal statute or law.
- ◆ Vandalize, damage or disable the computer or computer systems.
- ◆ Intentionally bypass system security or content filtering.

Consequences of Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy

The use of the system is a privilege not a right. North Cedar Community School District will not tolerate inappropriate/unacceptable use of KnightNet and/or intentional access of restricted materials. Students who violate KnightNet practices and procedures will be subject to the following consequences:

- First Offense - Upon the first violation, verbal and written notification will be issued to the student. A copy of the written notice will be mailed to the student's parent/guardian. The student will be required to meet with the Technology Coordinator. **The student will forfeit all KnightNet privileges for a period of 10 school days.**
- Second Offense - Upon the second violation, verbal and written notification will be issued to the student. A copy of the notice will be mailed to the student's parent/guardian. The student will be required to meet with the Technology Coordinator and building principal. **The student will forfeit all KnightNet privileges for a period of 45 school days.**
- Third Offense - Upon the third offense, verbal and written notification will be issued to the student. A copy of the notice will be mailed to the student's parent/guardian. The student will be required to meet with the Technology Coordinator and building principal. **The student will forfeit all KnightNet privileges for one calendar year.**

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Student User Agreement:

I _____ (print name) hereby agree to comply with the statements and expectations outlined in this document and to honor all relevant laws and restrictions. I agree to use the network responsibly and grant permission to have my materials and or photos published to the Internet. I understand that any violation of the policy will result in loss of privileges.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:

All students are provided with access to the districts computer resources. In addition to accessing the districts computer network, as a parent or legal guardian, I grant permission for the above named student to:

(Please check the appropriate box and initial next to it.)

- Access the districts network
- Access to the Internet/World Wide Web
- have his/her materials published to the districts website
- have his/her photo published to the districts website
- have his/her work exhibited, reproduced for portfolios, or cited in professional presentations

These permissions are granted for an indefinite period of time, unless otherwise requested. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use – setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information or media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____