

HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION FILE CODE: 6142.10 Hackensack, New Jersey

Form

CONSENT & WAIVER AGREEMENT COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS

The following Agreement must be read and signed by the student and his/her parents/guardians. By signing this Consent and Waiver Agreement,

I _____ (print name) and my parents/guardians state that we have discussed the rights and responsibilities contained herein and I agree to abide by the restrictions contained in this agreement.

Further, my parents/guardians and I are hereby advised that the Board and its employees do not have control over the information on the Internet, although the Board shall attempt to provide prudent and available barriers to objectionable material. Sites accessible by way of the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to certain individuals. The intention of the Board is to make the Internet available for the purpose of furthering its educational goals and objectives. The Board does not guarantee that students will not find some means to access materials not linked with those goals and objectives.

Because the school district provides, through connection to the Internet, access to other computer systems around the world, students and their parents/guardians understand that the Board and system administrators have no control over content. While most of the content available on the Internet is innocuous and much of it a valuable educational resource, some objectionable material exists. The Board will provide student access to Internet resources only in supervised environments and has taken steps to lock out objectionable areas to the extent possible, but potential dangers remain. Students and their parents/guardians are advised that some systems may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or otherwise illegal material. The Board and the system administrators do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit usage of such materials in the school environment. Parents/guardians having accounts on the system should be aware of the existence of such materials and monitor home usage of the school district computer network. Students knowingly bringing such materials into the school environment will be disciplined in accordance with Board policies and regulations and such activities may result in termination of such students' accounts on the computer network and their independent use of computers.

The Board believes that the benefits to staff and students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, outweighs the disadvantages of access. Ultimately, the Board recognizes that it is the responsibility of parents(s) and legal guardian(s) to set and convey the standards the student should follow over and above school standards. To that end, the Board respects each family's right to determine whether or not to permit the student to use computer network and Internet access.

Specific conditions and services on the computer network and the Internet change from time to time and the Board makes no warranties with respect to services and specifically assumes no responsibility for:

- A. The content of any information or advice received by a student from a source outside of the school district or any costs that are incurred as a result of seeking or accepting such advise;
- B. Any costs, liability or damages caused by student use of the computer network or the Internet;
- C. Any consequences of service interruptions or changes whether or not they were under the control of school district staff; and/or

D. The privacy of electronic mail.

By signing this agreement all signatories agree that the Board shall not be held liable for the use of the computer network and the Internet and that all users will abide by the following terms:

- A. Use of the computer network and the Internet shall be for educational purposes;
- B. Use of the computer network and the Internet shall not be for illegal purposes of any kind;
- C. The computer network and the Internet shall not be used to transmit threatening, obscene or harassing material in any form;
- D. Students will not disrupt the computer network and the Internet services by any unauthorized personal action;
- E. Students will not attempt to gain access or access any computer sites or files for which they do not have authorization;
- F. Students will not copy information in any form to which individuals or organizations hold copyright with specific written permission from those individuals or organizations;
- G. Students will not engage in game playing on computer networks except when authorized to do so for educational purposes;
- H. Students will print materials for educational purposes only to authorized printers; and/or
- I. Students will not engage in other activities that do not advance the educational purposes for which computer networks/computers are provided.

Violations

Individuals violating policy 6142.10 shall be subject to the consequences as indicated in Regulation 6142.10 and other appropriate discipline which includes but are not limited to:

- A. Use of computer network/computers only under direct supervision;
- B. Suspension of network privileges;
- C. Revocation of network privileges;
- D. Suspension of computer privileges;
- E. Revocation of computer privileges;
- F. Suspension from school;
- G. Expulsion from school; and/or
- H. Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

It is understood that the system administrators of the computer network and the Internet access may monitor student activity on the computer network and Internet and that they may access any files stored by students on district computers or at a remote site accessed by district computers. It is further understood that the system administrators, the principal or the Superintendent may discontinue the computer network and the Internet access privileges and may discipline any student who violates the terms of this agreement.

Student Name: _____ (Please Print) Student School:

_____ (Please Print) Grade: _____ All parents/guardians legally

responsible for the student must sign this agreement to grant the student access

to the school district computer networks and the Internet. Parent/Guardian:

_____ (Please Print) Signature

X _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian:

_____ (Please Print) Signature

X _____ Date _____