

Netcong Elementary School Consent and Waiver Agreement Computer, Network and Internet Acceptable Use

By signing this consent and Waiver Agreement, I _____ and my parents (or legal guardians) state that we have discussed the rights and responsibilities contained herein and I agree to abide by the restrictions contained in this agreement.

Internet access is now available to students, teachers and administrators in the Netcong Elementary School via an Internet Point of Presence and our local area network(s). We are very pleased to bring this access to our school district and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and educators. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in our district schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovations and communications.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. For example, students and teachers have access to such diverse resources as:

1. Electronic mail (e-mail) communication with people all over the world.
2. Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
3. Public domain software and graphics of all types for school use.
4. Discussion groups on topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music politics.
5. Access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, and Eric, and a large collection of relevant information to educators and students.
6. Graphical access to the World Wide Web.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Netcong Elementary School has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Netcong Elementary School) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network for outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

*Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, regional, state and local networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Netcong Elementary School user violates any of these provisions, his/her account may be terminated and future access could possibly be denied.

The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet - Terms and Conditions of Use

Acceptable Use - The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Netcong Elementary School. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

Privileges - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student or teacher who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a Netcong Elementary School staff member pertaining to the proper use of the network). The system administrators will report inappropriate activities to the school administration. Disciplinary action will be in accordance with **Policies and Regulations 2361** "Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources," **5600** "Pupil Discipline," **5610** "Suspension," and **5620** "Expulsion," as well as possible legal action and reports to the legal authorities and entities. Decisions may be appealed in accordance with Policy **5710** "Pupil Grievances."

Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear; use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed private property.

Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Netcong Elementary School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Netcong Elementary School will not be responsible for any damages users suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Netcong Elementary School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through these services.

Security - security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a Building Administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. User attempts to log on to the Internet using someone else's password, or as a system administrator may result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but is not limited to, hacking and the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

User/Parent/Guardian/Teacher Agreement

INTERNET USER

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may result from my actions.

User's Full Name: _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for education purposes. The Netcong Elementary School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for school districts to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
(Please print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
