

School Year: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter has access to the Internet in our school. Internet is a global information system with great educational potential. The use of the Internet is a privilege, and students are expected to use it appropriately.

Students in the Waseca Public Schools may use the Internet to participate in distance learning activities, to consult experts, to communicate with other students, and to access materials to meet their educational needs. Educational resources to fulfill curriculum expectations are identified by teachers.

One of the objectives of the Waseca Public Schools is to provide learners with the greatest access to appropriate information. The district has installed an Internet filter that is set to block inappropriate websites. However, because information on the Internet constantly changes, it is not possible to completely control the vast Internet environment for students. If students do encounter information that may be offensive, they are taught the appropriate action to take. Use of the Internet shall be consistent with school district policies and the mission of the school district.

Opinions, advice, services and other information expressed on the Internet are those of others and not those of the Waseca Public Schools. Students, staff and parents are advised that some network sites may contain inappropriate or offensive material. School administrators and staff do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit usage of those materials in the school environment. Students who knowingly use such materials in school will be dealt with according to the discipline policies of the district and the individual school. The building administrators reserve the right to terminate the access privileges of any student who violates the guidelines. Civil and criminal liability may be incurred by the user in the event of unauthorized use. Refer to Regulation 524 section I.

Please read the attached information and guidelines for Internet use.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Building Principal

Internet Use Guidelines

Access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. You may use it to locate, use, and exchange information. In doing so, you are expected to abide by the following guidelines. Violations of these guidelines will result in disciplinary action and possible loss of access privileges.

- * Use the Internet for educational purposes related to school or classroom activities.
- * Respect current school policies and behavior standards.
- * Be polite and use appropriate language.
- * Respect the rights of others.
- * Abide by current copyright laws and statutes. Acknowledge your sources of information and graphics.
- * Accurately represent yourself, but don't reveal your personal address or phone number or anyone else's.
- * Note that e-mail is not private. People who manage the system have access to electronic documents and website history.
- * Respect the network. Use Internet time and limited resources wisely.
- * Respect system security.
- * Use of Weblogs, Wikis, Podcasts and other Internet interactive applications will be treated as classroom space.
- * Abide by district guidelines for student publishing on the Internet. Any items produced by students will not be posted without their permission and that of their instructor and parents/guardians. If permission is granted, items will be considered fair use and available to the public.

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