

ROCK CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student Acceptable Use Policy

Registration Form

I have read Rock Creek Public Schools' Student Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet and the World Wide Web, and agree to use these resources in accordance thereof.

Further, my parent(s) or guardian(s) and I have been advised that Rock Creek Public Schools does not have control of the information on the Internet or the World Wide Web, which may contain material that is potentially offensive to some People. It is Rock Creek Public Schools' intent is to make Internet and World Wide Web access available to further educational goals and objectives.

Rock Creek Public Schools believe that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet and WWW, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. But ultimately, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child(ren) should follow. We are using SmoothWall School Guardian, as a district wide filter. We get daily and weekly updates of new sites that contain inappropriate material and the district blocks those sites on its server. To that end, Rock Creek Public Schools support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their child(ren) to utilize the resources of the Internet and WWW.

The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) shall understand that student access to the Internet and WWW is being provided in support of Rock Creek Public Schools' educational program. The specific conditions and services being offered will change from time to time. In addition, the Rock Creek IT Department makes no warranties with respect to the Rock Creek IT Department's Wide Area Network and Internet, WWW service, and it specifically assumes no responsibilities for:

- A. The content of any advice or information received by a student from a source outside the District, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice;
- B. Any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her Internet, WWW access;
- C. Any consequences of service interruptions or changes even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of the Rock Creek IT Department.

4. Inappropriate Language

Restrictions against Inappropriate Language apply to public messages, private messages and material posted on Web pages. For the purpose of this policy, Inappropriate Language can be considered to include, not necessarily limited to, the following clarifications:

- a. Students shall not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, racist, sexist, threatening, or disrespectful language.
- b. Students shall not post information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or a danger of disruption.
- c. Students shall not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- d. Students shall not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in manner that distresses or annoys another person. If a student is told by a person to stop sending that person messages, the student must stop sending messages to that person.
- e. Students shall not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about person or organization.

5. Respect for Privacy

- a. Students shall not repost a message that was sent to them privately without permission of the person who sent them the message.
- b. Students shall not post private information about another person.

6. Respecting Resource Limits

Every effort shall be taken not to waste finite resources. Students shall not download extensive files unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, students will download the file at a time when the system is not being heavily used and immediately remove the files from the system computer to their personal computer.

7. Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

- a. Students shall not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the user.
- b. Students shall respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when a individual inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies acceptable use of that work, the student should follow the expressed requirements. If the student is unsure whether they can use a work, they should request permission from the author or copyright owner.

8. Access to Inappropriate Material

For the purpose of this policy, Inappropriate Materials are those materials including, but not limited to, any materials not in support of the system's curriculum.

- a. Students shall not use the WAN to access material that is profane or obscene, that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people.

Student Permission Slip

SCHOOL: _____

Student Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____ Date: _____

I have discussed Internet Safety rules with my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE SIGNATURES, PLEASE SIGN BELOW

I give my child permission to use the Internet in the classroom for educational curricula reasons.

NOTE: All Internet activities are teacher directed. SmoothWall School Guardian is used as our district-wide filter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Publishing Student Work

We are encouraging all schools to have updated web pages for information and curriculum reasons. At certain times, a teacher might want to share student name, photo, or work on the web page. If you give permission for your child's name, photo, or work to be shared, please initial below.

Please place your initials in the space provided to the left of each statement to indicate your choice(s):

_____ I give permission for my child's name to appear on their student web page should one be developed.

_____ I give permission for my child's photo to appear on their student web page should one be developed.

_____ I give permission for my child's work to be shown.

Please return only this page – Keep all other pages for your future reference.

