

# INTERNET INFORMED CONSENT FORM

## DISCLAIMER

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers that contains millions of pages of information. Users are cautioned that many of these pages include offensive, sexually explicit, and inappropriate material. In general, it is difficult to avoid at least some contact with this material while using the Internet. Even innocuous search requests may lead to sites with highly offensive content. Additionally, having an e-mail address on the Internet may lead to receipt of unsolicited e-mail containing offensive content. Users accessing the Internet do so at their own risk and the Zillah School District #205 is not responsible for material viewed or downloaded by users from the Internet. To minimize these risks, your use of Internet service provided by Zillah School District #205 is governed by the following policy.

## PERMITTED USE OF INTERNET AND DISTRICT COMPUTER NETWORK

The computer network is the property of Zillah School District #205 ("District") and is to be used for legitimate educational or administrative purposes. This agreement defines a relationship between the District and staff, students, parents, and guests (collectively, "users"). By using the District's computer network or Internet services, users consent to be bound by the terms of this agreement.

Access to the computer network is provided to support users' job duties or educational goals. Some users may be provided access to the Internet. All users have a responsibility to use District's computer resources and the Internet in a professional, lawful and ethical manner. Abuse of the computer network or the Internet, may result in disciplinary action, including possible termination, expulsion, and/or civil or criminal liability.

## COMPUTER NETWORK USE LIMITATIONS

**Prohibited Activities:** Without prior written permission from the District, the District's computer network, or the networks of contracted providers, may not be used to disseminate, view or store commercial or personal advertisements, solicitations, promotions, destructive code (e.g., viruses, trojan horse programs, etc.) or any other unauthorized materials. Occasional limited appropriate personal use of the computer is permitted if such use does not a) interfere with any user's job performance; b) have an undue effect on the computer or District network's performance; c) or violate any other policies, provisions, guidelines or standards of this agreement or any other of the District. Further, at all times users are responsible for the professional, ethical and lawful use of the computer system. Use of the computer and Internet is a privilege that may be revoked at any time.

**Illegal Copying:** Users may not illegally copy material protected under copyright law or make that material available to others for copying. Users are responsible for complying with copyright law and applicable licenses that may apply to software, files, graphics, documents, messages, and other material you wish to download or copy. Users may not agree to a license or download any material for which a registration fee is charged without first obtaining the express written permission of the District.

**Communication of Trade Secrets:** Unless expressly authorized to do so, users are prohibited from sending, transmitting, or otherwise distributing proprietary information, data, trade secrets or other confidential information belonging to the District. Unauthorized dissemination of such material may result in severe disciplinary action as well as substantial civil and criminal penalties under state and federal Economic Espionage laws.

**Personal Network Equipment:** Without prior written permission from the District, users may not attach equipment not owned by the District to the district network or the networks of its contracted providers.

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## DUTY NOT TO WASTE OR DAMAGE COMPUTER RESOURCES

**Accessing the Internet:** To ensure security and avoid the spread of viruses, users accessing Internet service provided by the District must do so through an approved Internet firewall or other security device. Bypassing The District's computer network security by accessing the Internet directly by modem or other means is strictly prohibited unless the computer you are using is not connected to the District's network or a contracted Internet provider.

**Frivolous Use:** Computer resources are not unlimited. Network bandwidth and storage capacity have finite limits. All users connected to the network have a responsibility to conserve these resources. As such, users must not deliberately perform acts that waste computer resources or unfairly monopolize resources to the exclusion of others. These acts include, but are not limited to, sending mass mailings or chain letters, spending excessive amounts of time on the Internet, playing games, engaging in online chat groups, uploading or downloading large files, accessing streaming audio and/or video files, or otherwise creating unnecessary loads on network traffic associated with non-business-related uses of the Internet.

**Malware detection:** Files obtained from sources outside the District, including disks brought from home, files downloaded from the Internet, newsgroups, bulletin boards or other online services, files attached to e-mail, and files provided by customers or vendors, may contain dangerous computer viruses that may damage the District's computer network. Users should never download files from the Internet, accept e-mail attachments from outsiders, or use disks from non-District sources, without first scanning the material with District-approved malware protection software. If you suspect that a virus has been introduced into the District's network, notify the Technology Department immediately.

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## NO EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

Users are given computer and Internet access to support job duties or educational goals. Users should have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send or receive using the District's computer equipment. The computer network is the property of the District and may be used only for District purposes.

**Waiver of privacy rights:** Users expressly waive any right of privacy in anything they create, store, send or receive using the District's computer equipment or Internet access. Users consent to allow District personnel access to and review of all materials created, stored, sent or received through any District network or Internet connection.

**Monitoring of computer and Internet usage:** The District has the right to monitor and log any and all aspects of its computer system including, but not limited to, monitoring Internet sites visited by users, monitoring chat and newsgroups, monitoring file downloads, and all communications sent and received by users.

**Blocking sites with inappropriate content:** The District has the right to utilize software that makes it possible to identify and block access to Internet sites containing sexually explicit or other material deemed inappropriate for District use.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

STAFF

STUDENT/PARENT

GUEST

I have read and agree to comply with the terms of this policy governing the use of Zillah School District #205's computer network. I understand that violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including possible termination, expulsion, and/or civil and criminal penalties.

In consideration for the privilege of using the network and in consideration for having access to the public networks (Internet), I hereby release the Zillah School District, the K-20 Network, and other intermediary or contracted Internet service providers, if any, and operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use or inability to use the K-20 Network or other Internet service providers including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the Zillah School District's Acceptable Use Guidelines. Further, I agree to abide by the district's Policy and Procedures for Electronic Resources, which I have reviewed and understand, and acknowledge that failure to comply with the policy and procedures may result in revocation of network use privileges. I acknowledge and agree that Zillah School District has the right to review, edit or remove any materials installed, used, stored or distributed on or through the network or District's system including e-mail and other electronic messages and we hereby waive any right of privacy which I may otherwise have into such material. I acknowledge and agree that any copyright I may have in material posted on the Internet through the school district's system is waived. I further agree to hold the Zillah School District, its agents and other employees harmless from the claims of any third person or entity for any damages suffered on account of my use or inability to use K-20 Network (Internet), other contracted Internet service providers, or other electronic communication devices and agree to indemnify the Zillah School District, its agents and other employees for all damages thereby suffered by them including reasonable attorney fees.

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Signature of User

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (\*required if user is under age 18)

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Printed Name of User

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Date Signed

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School                      Grade

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Phone                      Student Date of Birth

Check here if age 18 or older

\*Students over eighteen do not need a parent's signature  
School retains the original for 6 years.

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Account Number

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date