

## COMPUTER/NETWORK USE AND CONDUCT

Computers and computer networks, including Internet access, provide valuable tools that support the education of students in West Ada School District. The student and his/her parent(s) should read and discuss the district policies concerning computer use.

Unless a parent has signed a district "Internet Opt-Out" form, all students will be given access to the Internet. In many cases library research resources, such as databases of magazine, journal and newspaper articles, are only available through Internet access. Also, the Internet provides access to information and media resources, simulations, and other online educational activities. Its proper use can open new opportunities for research, learning and communication. West Ada School District will make prudent efforts to limit improper use.

Students will be assigned a network login. With this access comes responsibility. Student logins on the school's network system(s) are considered a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to use only the software made available to them by their teachers or designated technology staff. They are allowed to save documents and other school-related files to their home directories on the network, or other drives only as specified by their teachers or designated technology staff. A student who gains access to inappropriate material on the Internet is expected to discontinue the access as quickly as possible and to report the incident to a staff member.

Students will not install or download games, utilities, plug-ins or other programs or files from the Internet or any other outside source, to the network or individual systems. Hacking (attempting, without authorization, to access or alter Internet, network or local hard drive functionality, configuration, data or software) is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation or transmission of computer viruses, WORMs or any programs/files that would disrupt the use or functionality of the computers or network. Any attempt to harm or destroy functionality of computer-related equipment or data will be considered vandalism (see Idaho State Code 18-2202).

Students are expected to follow the guidelines and policies expressed in the handbook and the district's NETWORK, COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS policy. If the guidelines and/or policies are violated, administrators will determine consequences based on the severity of the incident. This may include disciplinary action, loss of Internet access, loss of all computer privileges, removal from appropriate classes with an F grade, and/or legal action according to West Ada School District policy (1001.30) and Idaho State Code (sections 18-2201 and 18-2202).

Child Online Privacy (if your student is under age 13) I have reviewed the Child Online Privacy Protection Act (<http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/coppa1.htm>) and I give permission for my child to use District educational approved software and Internet websites. Some examples of online technologies include, but are not limited to, MyOn Reader, Khan Academy, Edmodo, and Schoology.

SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO USE THE INTERNET

Each Joint School District No. 2 student will be assigned a computer network login that will provide the student with access to district approved software. Unless a parent has signed this "Internet Opt-Out" form, each student will be given access to the Internet.

The proper use of the Internet provides opportunities for research, learning and communication. Some programs that support district curriculum are accessed only through the Internet:

- Specific intervention, enrichment and curriculum resources (i.e., Plato) are only via Internet access
- Library catalogs for each of our school libraries are available only via Internet access
- Subscription-based research databases are available only via Internet access

The student and his/her parent(s) should read and discuss the district policies regarding computer network and Internet use. While West Ada School District makes every possible effort to limit improper use and used proxy/filtering software to shield users from access to inappropriate materials, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. All Network/Internet users are expected to use all network resources for purposes appropriate to the educational environment at all times. Users must refrain from any use that is not consistent with the policies, purposes or objectives of West Ada School District.

INTERNET OPT-OUT FORM

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or guardian of this student, I request that my child NOT be given access to the Internet through his/her school network login.

I understand that also means my child will NOT have access to the library catalogs, online research database resources, and online intervention, enrichment and curriculum such as Plato.

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Parent signature

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Parent name (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_